THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED?

CALLING EVERYONE!
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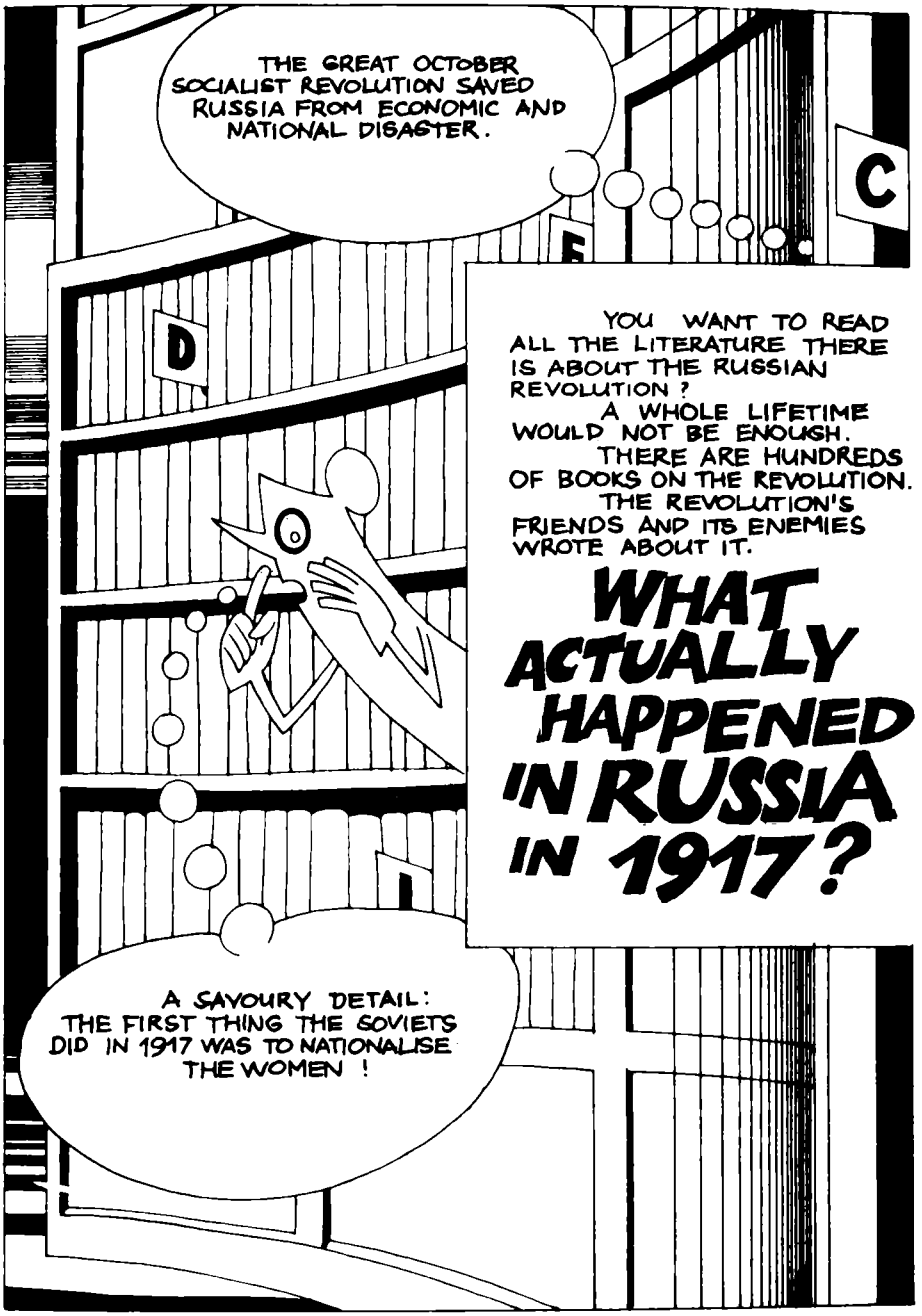
SOCIALIST CIVILISATION...
BORN 1917...

THE CREATION OF THE WORLD'S FIRST EVER SOCIALIST STATE OPENED UP THE WAY FOR ALL PEOPLE TO BUILD A NEW, TRULY DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.
THERE WAS NO REVOLUTION AT ALL ! LENIN SIMPLY TOOK HIS REVENGE ON THE TSAR FOR EXECUTING HIS BROTHER !
... RUSSIA IS LOST ! THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE DROWNED HER IN BLOOD !


THE GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION SAVED RUSSIA FROM ECONOMIC AND NATIONAL DISASTER.
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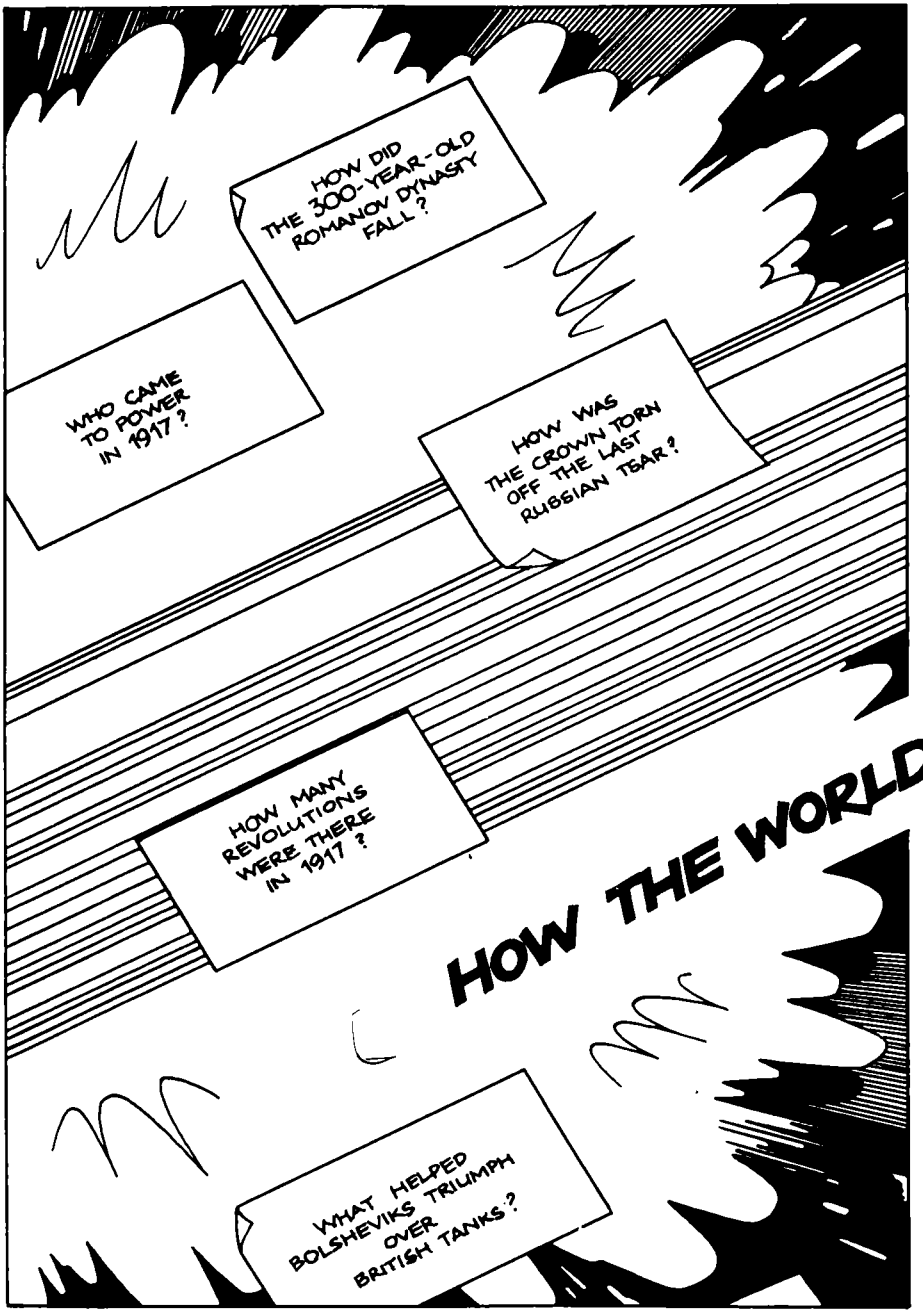
YOU WANT TO READ ALL THE LITERATURE THERE IS ABOUT THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION ?
A WHOLE LIFETIME WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH.
THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF BOOKS ON THE REVOLUTION.
THE REVOLUTION'S FRIENDS AND ITS ENEMIES WROTE ABOUT IT.
WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED IN RUSSIA IN 1917?
A SAVOURY DETAIL: THE FIRST THING THE SOVIETS DID IN 1917 WAS TO NATIONALISE THE WOMEN !


HOW DID THE 300-YEAR-OLD ROMANOV DYNASTY FALL?
WHO CAME TO POWER IN 1917?
HOW WAS THE CROWN TORN OFF THE LAST RUSSIAN TSAR?
HOW MANY REVOLUTIONS WERE THERE IN 1917?
HOW THE WORLD
WHAT HELPED BOLSHEVIKS TRIUMPH OVER BRITISH TANKS?

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РУССКАЯ РЕВОЛЮЦИЯ 1917 ГОДА: КАК ЭТО БЫЛО?

На английском языке

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ACTUALLY
HAPPENED

Apart from an extraordinary
acceleration of world history,
it was also necessary
that history make particularly abrupt turns,
in order that at one such turn
the filthy and blood-stained cart
of the Romanov monarchy
should be overturned at one stroke.

V. I. Lenin

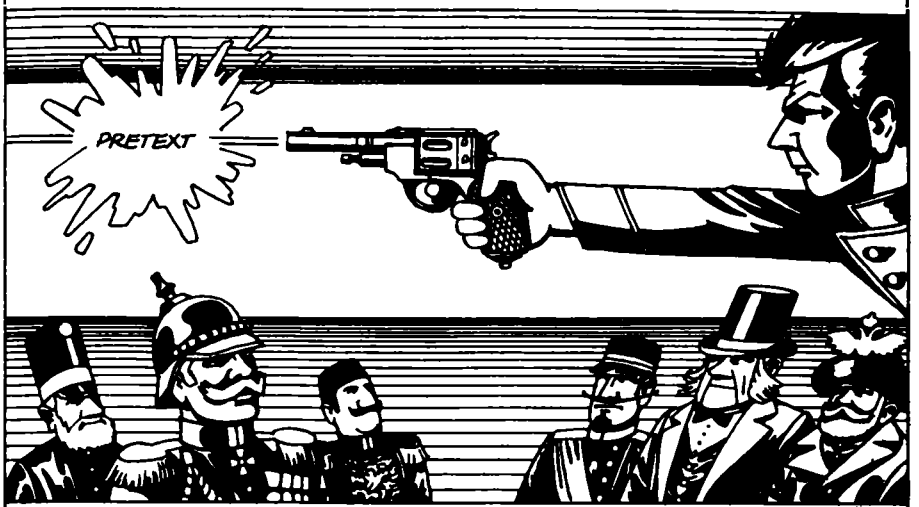
1917

ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 2, 1917, NICHOLAS II, THE LAST EMPEROR OF RUSSIA, WHO HAD RULED FOR 23 YEARS, ABDICATED...
THE ABRUPT TURN IN HISTORY THAT CAUSED THE CART OF RUSSIAN AUTOCRACY TO TIP OVER WAS THE FIRST WORLD WAR.
DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR, ENTIRE REGIONS OF EUROPE, INCLUDING WESTERN RUSSIA, WERE TURNED INTO DESERTS.
9.5 MILLION PEOPLE WERE KILLED OR FATALLY WOUNDED
20 MILLION WERE WOUNDED
3.5 MILLION PERMANENT INVALIDS

SOME SERBIAN STUDENT SHOT AN AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN ARCHDUKE IN SARAJEVO – AND THAT STARTED IT OFF...
WHY THIS WORLD-WIDE SLAUGHTER STARTED?
AND WE'RE ALL FIGHTING BECAUSE OF SOME ARCHDUKE? IMPOSSIBLE!

MANY TESTIMONIES AND OPINIONS CONCERNING THE SARAJEVO ASSASSINATION REMAIN, INCLUDING...
NO DOUBT THEY SHOT THE ARCHDUKE WITH A GOLD PISTOL!
NO GOOD CAN COME FROM THESE "SCHOLARS"! HIS FIRST SHOT WENT HOME!
WHAT A PITY MY PISTOL DOESN'T WORK!

THE ASSASSINATION OF ARCHDUKE FRANZ FERDINAND, HEIR TO THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN THRONE, ON JUNE 15 (28), 1914, IN SARAJEVO WAS MERELY A PRETEXT FOR UNLEASHING THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

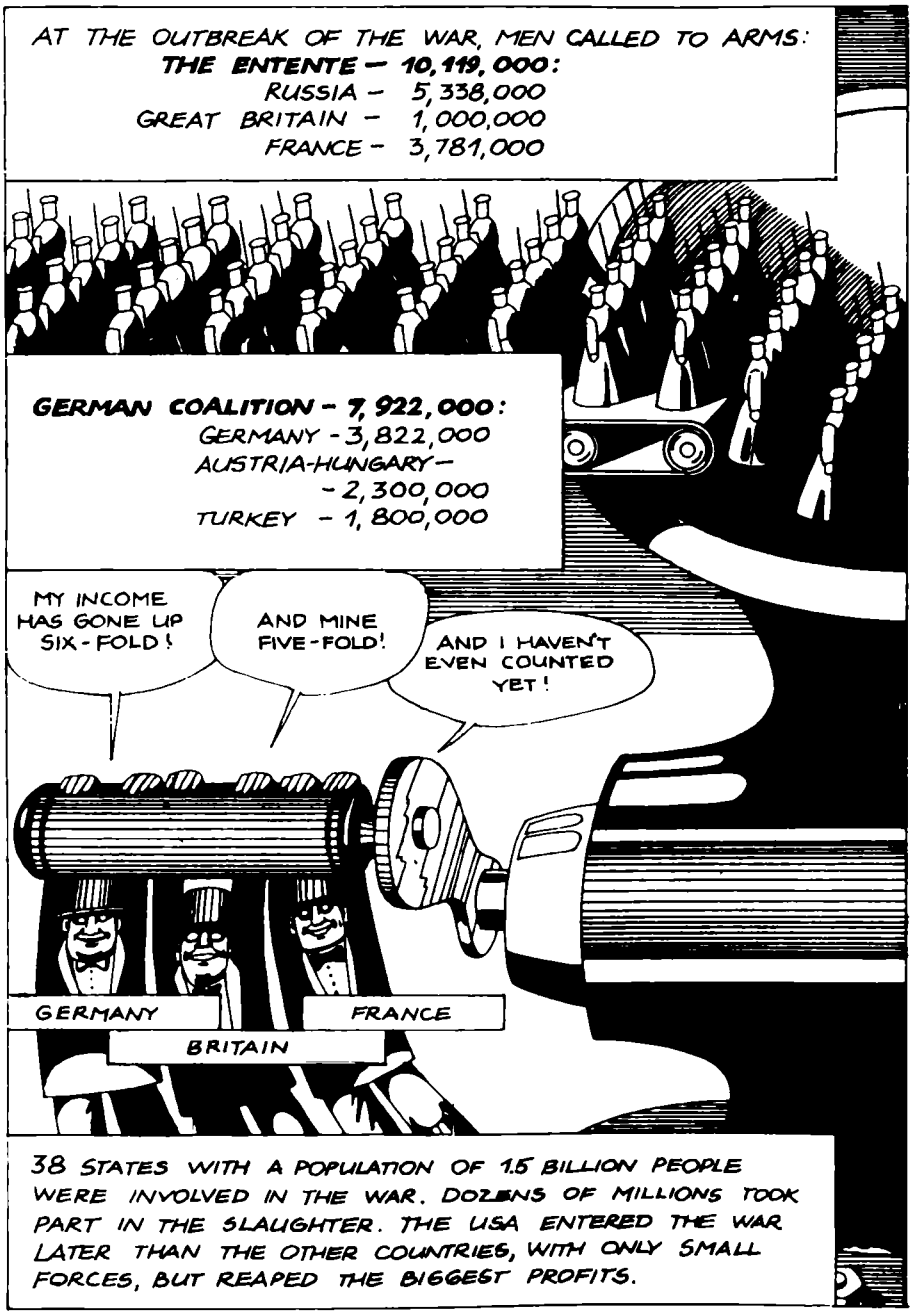


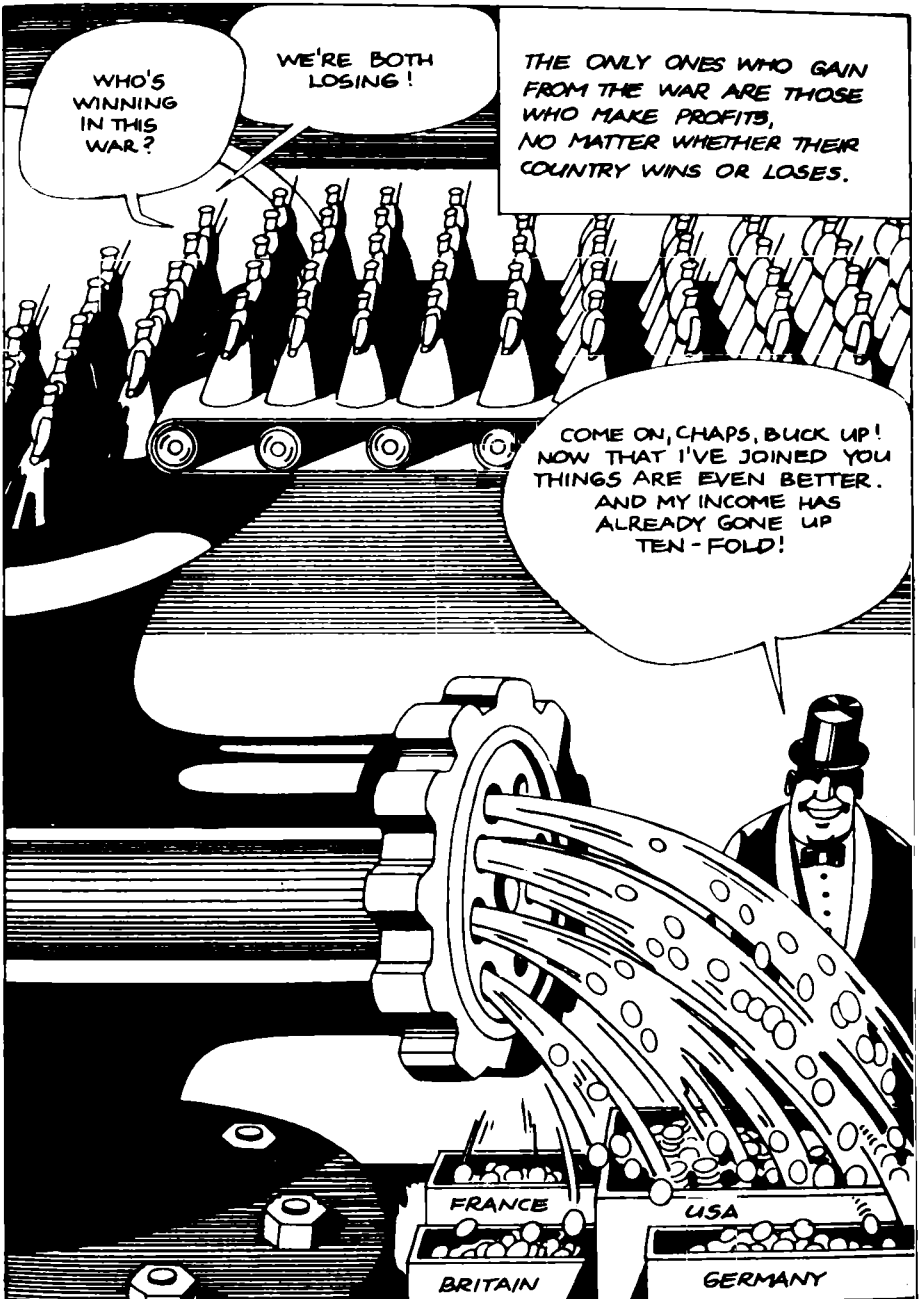
JUST A MATCH WAS NEEDED TO LIGHT THE FIRE ALL OVER THE WORLD, A MATCH THAT HAPPENED TO BE IN THE HANDS OF A SERBIAN STUDENT. THE REAL REASON FOR THE WAR, HOWEVER, WAS THE DESIRE OF THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED CAPITALIST STATES TO REDIVIDE THE WORLD.

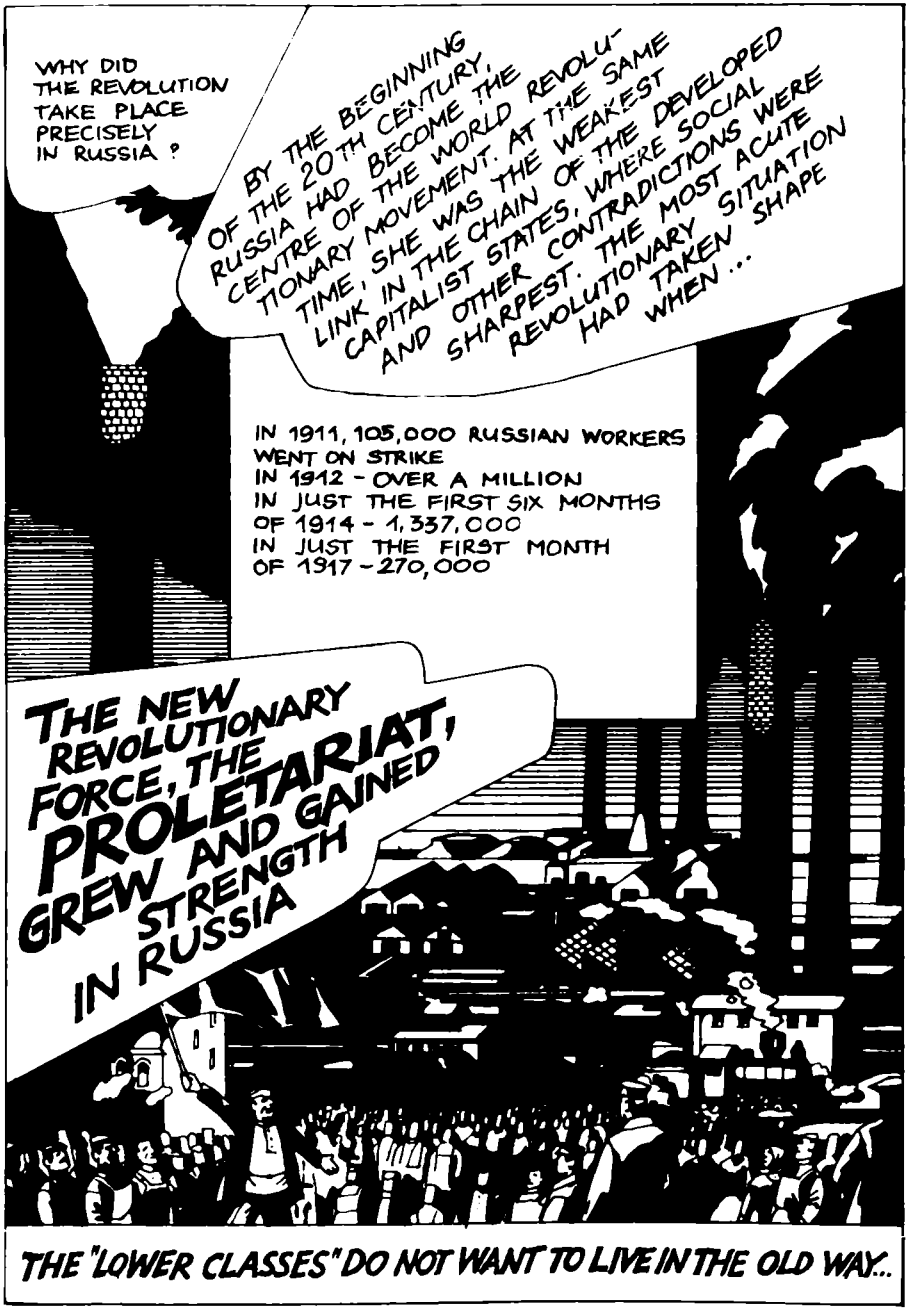
DO WE HAVE TO SPILL BLOOD BECAUSE OF SOME STUDENT?
NO, THE THING IS THAT THE CAPITALISTS WANT TO MAKE MONEY ON THE WAR.
RECRUITING OFFICE
TO THE FRONT

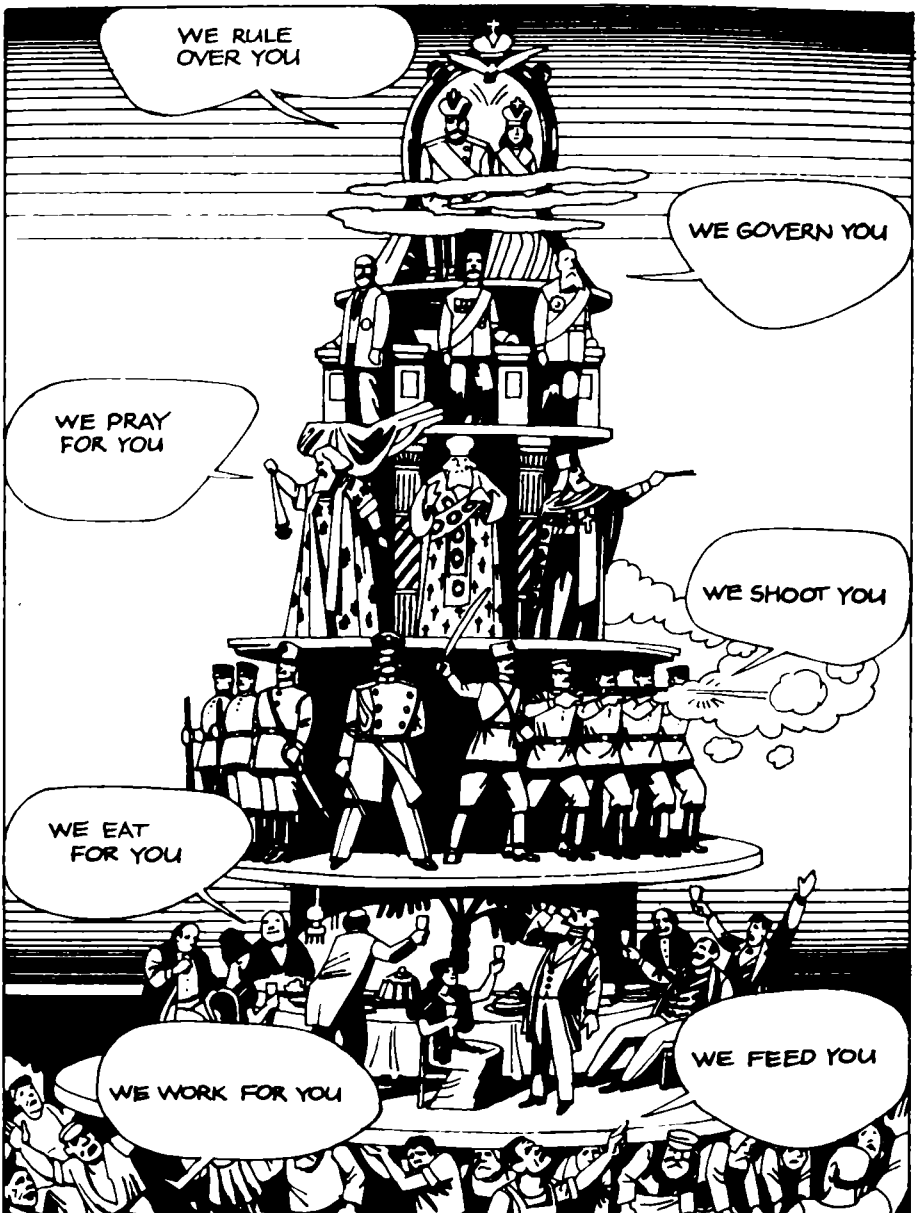
GERMAN COALITION
GERMANY
AUSTRIA - HUNGARY
TURKEY
THEY ARE RUSHING TO REDIVIDE THE WORLD AS THEY WISH

THE ENTENTE
GREAT BRITAIN
FRANCE
RUSSIA
THE WORLD WAR, LIKE ANY SUCH HISTORICAL EVENT, RESEMBLED AN ICEBERG. ONLY PRETEXTS APPEARED ON THE SURFACE, WHILE THE DEEP REASONS WERE HIDDEN BENEATH THE WAVES.
THE MAIN CAUSE FOR THE WAR WAS THE CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN GERMAN AND BRITISH CAPITAL.

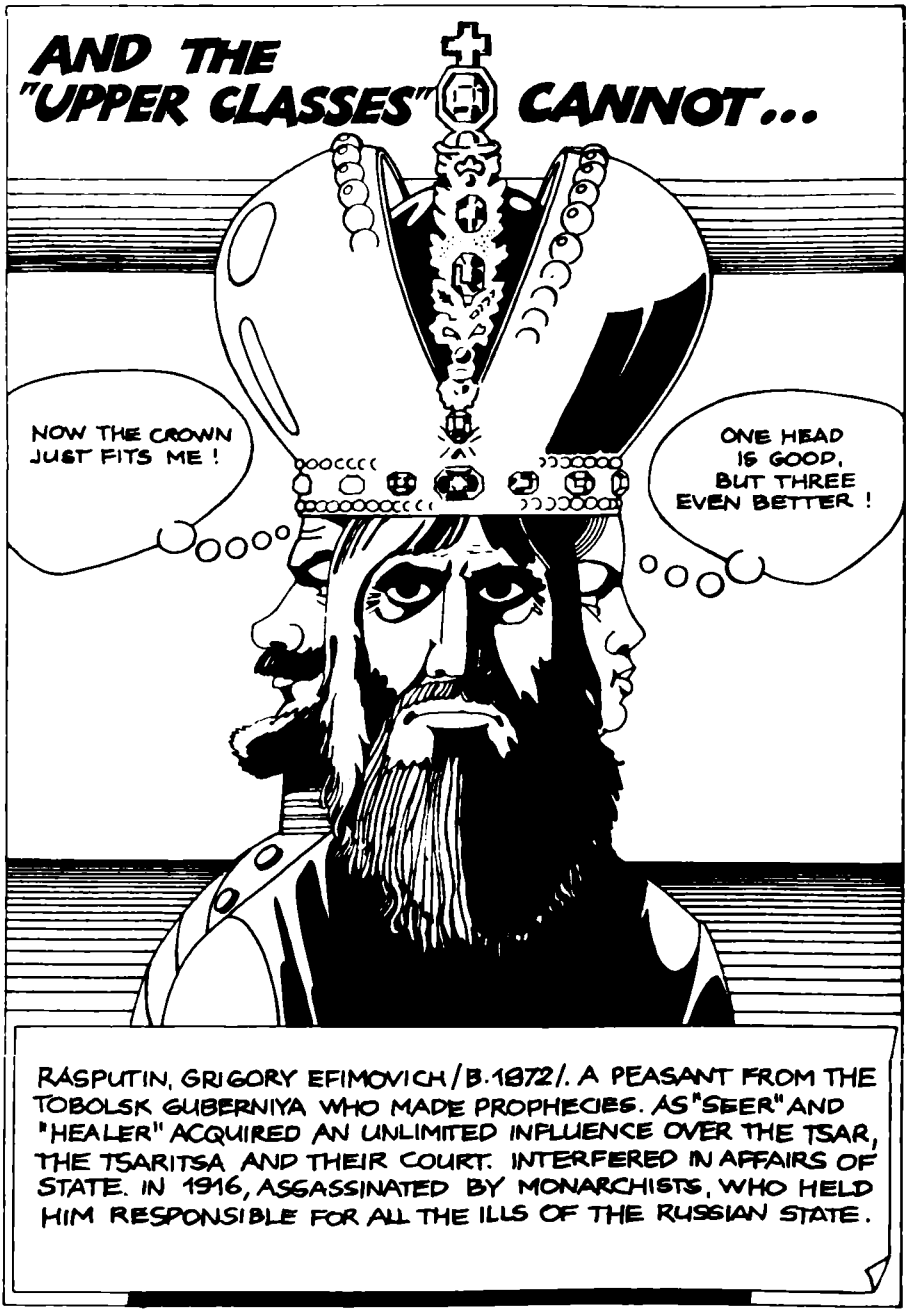

AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR, MEN CALLED TO ARMS:
THE ENTENTE — 10,119,000:
RUSSIA – 5,338,000
GREAT BRITAIN – 1,000,000
FRANCE – 3,781,000
GERMAN COALITION – 7,922,000:
GERMANY – 3,822,000
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY – 2,300,000
TURKEY – 1,800,000
MY INCOME HAS GONE UP SIX-FOLD!
AND MINE FIVE-FOLD!
AND I HAVEN'T EVEN COUNTED YET!
GERMANY
FRANCE
BRITAIN
38 STATES WITH A POPULATION OF 1.5 BILLION PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED IN THE WAR. DOZENS OF MILLIONS TOOK PART IN THE SLAUGHTER. THE USA ENTERED THE WAR LATER THAN THE OTHER COUNTRIES, WITH ONLY SMALL FORCES, BUT REAPED THE BIGGEST PROFITS.


WHO'S WINNING IN THIS WAR?
WE'RE BOTH LOSING!
THE ONLY ONES WHO GAIN FROM THE WAR ARE THOSE WHO MAKE PROFITS, NO MATTER WHETHER THEIR COUNTRY WINS OR LOSES.
COME ON, CHAPS, BUCK UP! NOW THAT I'VE JOINED YOU THINGS ARE EVEN BETTER. AND MY INCOME HAS ALREADY GONE UP TEN-FOLD!
FRANCE
USA
BRITAIN
GERMANY

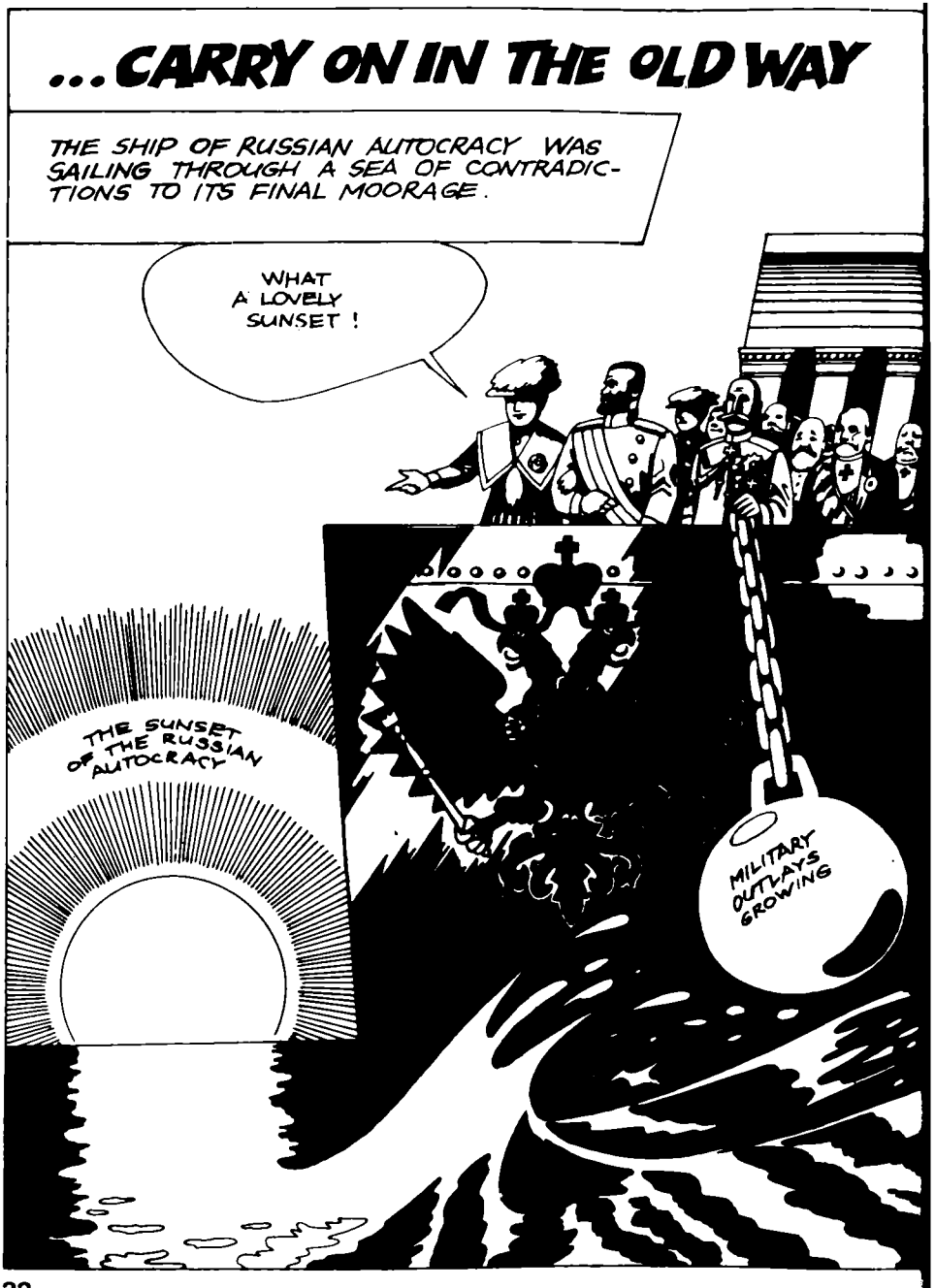

WHY DID THE REVOLUTION TAKE PLACE PRECISELY IN RUSSIA ?
BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 20TH CENTURY, RUSSIA HAD BECOME THE CENTRE OF THE WORLD REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, SHE WAS THE WEAKEST LINK IN THE CHAIN OF THE DEVELOPED CAPITALIST STATES, WHERE SOCIAL AND OTHER CONTRADICTIONS WERE SHARPEST. THE MOST ACUTE REVOLUTIONARY SITUATION HAD TAKEN SHAPE WHEN ...
IN 1911, 105,000 RUSSIAN WORKERS WENT ON STRIKE
IN 1912 - OVER A MILLION
IN JUST THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1914 - 1,337,000
IN JUST THE FIRST MONTH OF 1917 - 270,000
THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY FORCE, THE PROLETARIAT, GREW AND GAINED STRENGTH IN RUSSIA
THE "LOWER CLASSES" DO NOT WANT TO LIVE IN THE OLD WAY...



THE WORKERS, THE RURAL POOR, AND THE MIDDLE PEASANTS MADE UP 80 PER CENT OF RUSSIA'S POPULATION.


AND THE "UPPER CLASSES" CANNOT...
NOW THE CROWN JUST FITS ME !
ONE HEAD IS GOOD, BUT THREE EVEN BETTER !
RASPUTIN, GRIGORY EFIMOVICH / B. 1872 /. A PEASANT FROM THE TOBOLSK GUBERNIYA WHO MADE PROPHECIES. AS "SEER" AND "HEALER" ACQUIRED AN UNLIMITED INFLUENCE OVER THE TSAR, THE TSARITSA AND THEIR COURT. INTERFERED IN AFFAIRS OF STATE. IN 1916, ASSASSINATED BY MONARCHISTS, WHO HELD HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE ILLS OF THE RUSSIAN STATE.

GRIGORY EFIMOVICH, THE TSAREVICH HAS FALLEN ILL AGAIN. PLEASE DON'T REFUSE TO TREAT HIM...
THERE'S NOTHING I WOULDN'T DO FOR THE OLD BOY, AND THE OLD GIRL !
PLEASE ADVISE US, OUR BENEFACTOR !
GET GOING, WE'LL THINK OF SOMETHING!
WE'LL NEVER FORGET YOU, OUR DEAR ONE !
TREASURY
NEVER MIND! GOD IS ALL-FORGIVING!


...CARRY ON IN THE OLD WAY
THE SHIP OF RUSSIAN AUTOCRACY WAS SAILING THROUGH A SEA OF CONTRADICTIONS TO ITS FINAL MOORAGE.
WHAT A LOVELY SUNSET !
THE SUNSET OF THE RUSSIAN AUTOCRACY
MILITARY OUTLAYS GROWING

IN 30 MONTHS (AUGUST 1914 TO FEBRUARY 1917) 4 CHAIRMEN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, 6 MINISTERS OF THE INTERIOR AND 4 WAR MINISTERS WERE REPLACED
AUGUST 1914
FEBRUARY 1917
INFLATION
DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN CAPITAL
THE AGONY OF GOVERNMENT
THE PASSENGERS SEEM NOT TO REALISE THAT THE SHIP IS GOING TO SINK!
BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE AUTOCRACY IS DOOMED. AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF US!
OPPOSITION

THE BIGGEST AND MOST INFLUENTIAL BOURGEOIS PARTIES IN RUSSIA
THE CONSTITUTIONAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY. CADETS. THE CHIEF PARTY OF THE LIBERAL MONARCHIST BOURGEOISIE
THE TRUDOVIK (LABOUR) GROUP. EXPRESSED THE INTERESTS OF THE RUSSIAN RURAL BOURGEOISIE
THE "PROGRESSIVE" PARTY. PROGRESSISTS. THE NATIONAL-LIBERAL PARTY OF THE BIG BOURGEOISIE
SOCIALIST-REVOLUTIONARIES. SRs. BIG PETTY-BOURGEOIS PARTY IN RUSSIA, EXPRESSING THE INTERESTS OF THE PETTY URBAN AND RURAL BOURGEOISIE
MONARCHY PLUS A PARLIAMENT!
UP WITH AGRARIAN REFORM!
TO THE FLOURISHING OF BIG CAPITAL AND STRENGTHENING OF THE MONOPOLIES!
LET'S UNITE IN COOPERATIVES!
CADETS
SRs
PROGRESSISTS
TRUDOVIKS
WHAT GOOD IS OUR OPPOSITION? IT DOESN'T SEEM TO THINK THE TSAR IS IN ITS WAY AT ALL!
I SEE NO PARTY IN RUSSIA CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT A REVOLUTION!

BACK IN 1895, LENIN HAD SET UP THE LEAGUE OF STRUGGLE FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF THE WORKING CLASS. THREE YEARS LATER, THE RUSSIAN SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY (RSDLP) WAS FORMED, WHICH PRODUCED BOLSHEVIKS
THERE IS SUCH A PARTY!
... IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST AUTOCRACY, THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE BOURGEOISIE OF RUSSIA AS A WHOLE, WE MUST ACT AS A SINGLE AND CENTRALISED MILITANT ORGANISATION, HAVE BEHIND US THE WHOLE OF THE PROLETARIAT, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF LANGUAGE OR NATIONALITY...

BOLSHEVIKS... OVER THE YEARS, THE ENEMIES OF COMMUNISM HAVE ACCUSED THEM OF ALL POSSIBLE SINS.

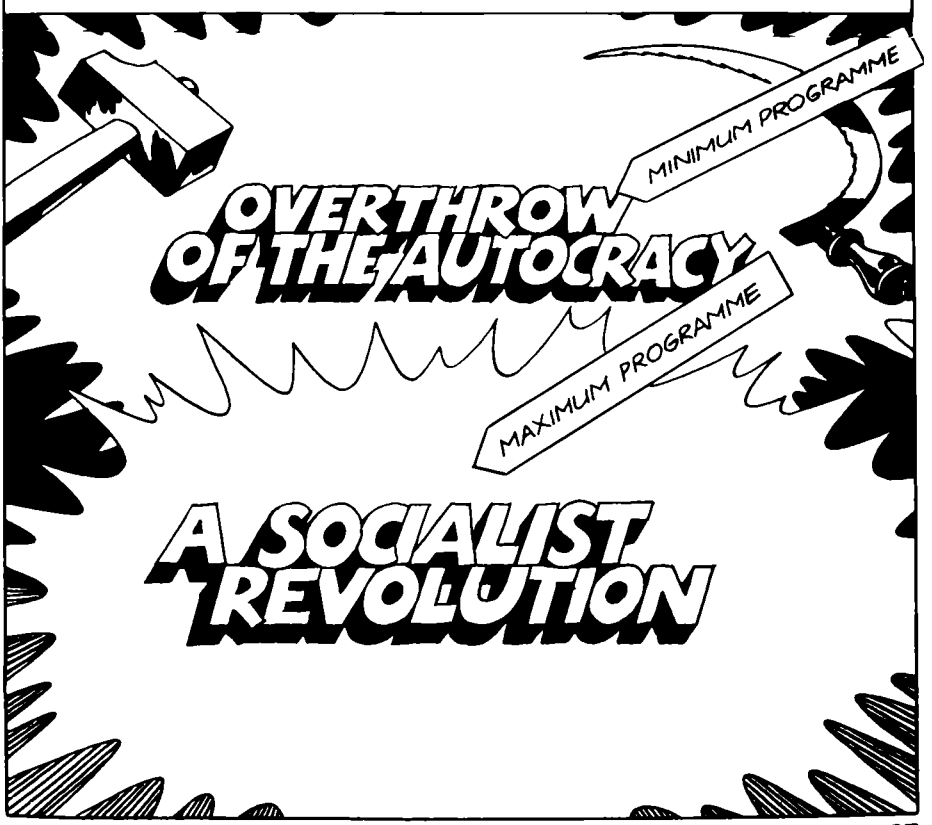
1917. RUSSIA
THE RUSSIAN BOURGEOIS PRESS: "THE BOLSHEVIK CALLS FOR UPRISING AND ANARCHY ARE CRIMINAL... SUCH PROPAGANDA SHOULD BE ROOTED OUT."
1939. FASCIST GERMANY
"WE, THE CHILDREN OF THE FÜHRER, WILL SAVE EUROPE FROM THE BOLSHEVIK INFECTION."
1985. USA
"THE CHIEF THREAT TO PEACE IS THE BOLSHEVIK THREAT!"

WHAT DOES THE WORD **BOLSHEVIK** MEAN?

THE IDEA OF BOLSHEVISM AROSE IN 1903 AT THE 2ND CONGRESS OF THE RSDLP DURING THE ELECTIONS TO THE PARTY'S LEADING BODIES, WHEN LENIN'S SUPPORTERS MADE UP THE MAJORITY (BOLSHEVIKS), WHILE THE OPPORTUNISTS WERE IN THE MINORITY (MENSHEVIKS).

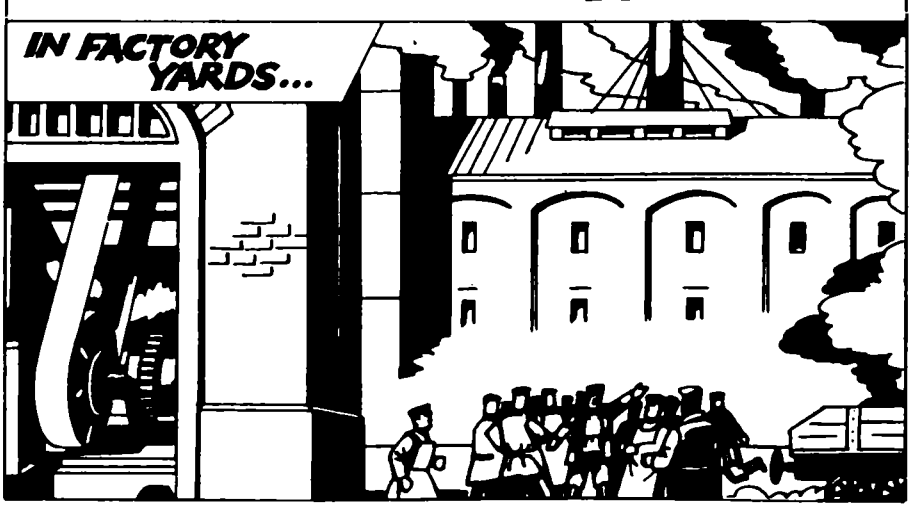
WHOM DID THE BOLSHEVIKS REPRESENT?

THEY REPRESENTED THE RUSSIAN PROLETARIAT AND THE POOREST PEASANTRY.



LENIN'S WORDS PROVED PROPHETIC. THE BOLSHEVIKS AROUSED THE MASSES TO ACTIVE POLITICAL LIFE. THEIR WORK WAS MULTIFACETED AND ALL-EMBRACING...

LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS, SPEECHES...



WE CAME DOWN TO THE FRONT... WHERE GAUNT AND BOOTLESS MEN SICKENED IN THE MUD OF DESPERATE TRENCHES; AND WHEN THEY SAW US THEY STARTED UP, WITH THEIR PINCHED FACES AND THE FLESH SHOWING BLUE THROUGH THEIR TORN CLOTHING, DEMANDING EAGERLY "DID YOU BRING ANYTHING TO READ?"

JOHN REED, ONE OF THE GREAT JOURNALISTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY, WHO SAW THE REVOLUTIONARY EVENTS IN RUSSIA FIRST HAND.

THIS IS THE TESTIMONY OF THE AMERICAN JOHN REED

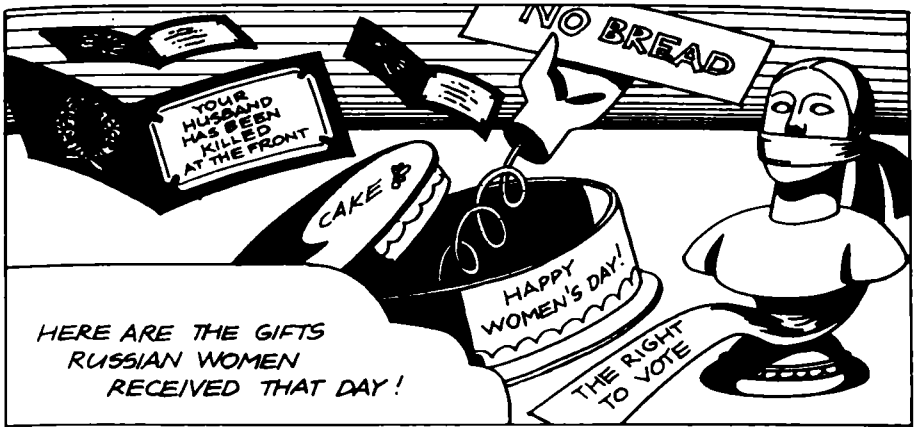
THEY (THE BOLSHEVIKS) TOOK THE CRUDE, SIMPLE DESIRES OF THE WORKERS, SOLDIERS AND PEASANTS, AND FROM THEM BUILT THEIR IMMEDIATE PROGRAM.

ON FEBRUARY 10, WORKERS' DEMONSTRATIONS BEGAN IN PETROGRAD.

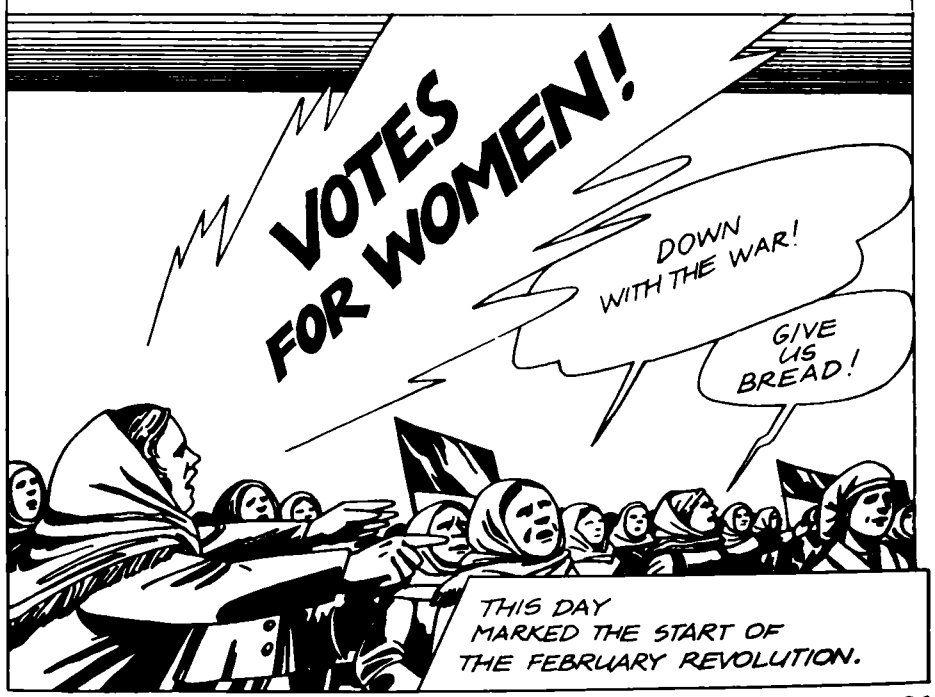
ON FEBRUARY 14, 90,000 WORKERS IN 58 ENTERPRISES LAID DOWN THEIR TOOLS.

ON FEBRUARY 23 (OLD STYLE!), INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WAS CELEBRATED.

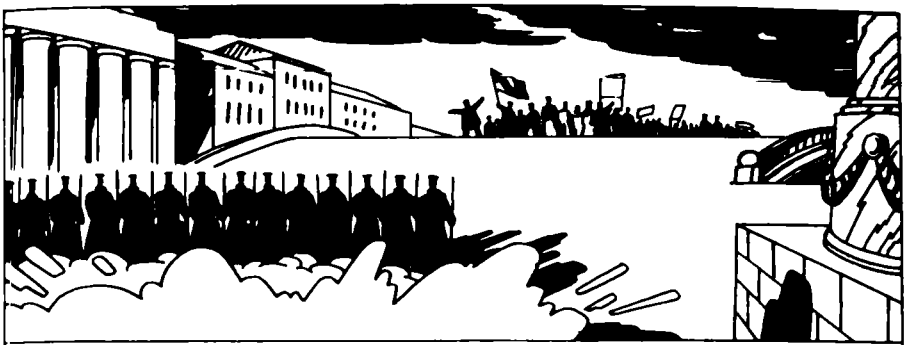
THOUSANDS OF WOMEN WENT OUT ON TO THE NEVSKY PROSPECT IN PETROGRAD THAT DAY, CHANTING "GIVE US BREAD!", "DOWN WITH THE WAR!", "VOTES FOR WOMEN!"


NO BREAD
YOUR HUSBAND HAS BEEN KILLED AT THE FRONT
CAKE
HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY!
THE RIGHT TO VOTE
HERE ARE THE GIFTS RUSSIAN WOMEN RECEIVED THAT DAY!

IN SUPPORT OF THE WOMEN'S DEMONSTRATION, 128,000 WORKERS WENT ON STRIKE. THE REVOLUTIONARY INITIATIVE OF THE MASSES WAS TAKEN UP BY THE BOLSHEVIKS. THEY BROUGHT AWARENESS AND ORGANISATION TO THE RAPIDLY GROWING MOVEMENT.

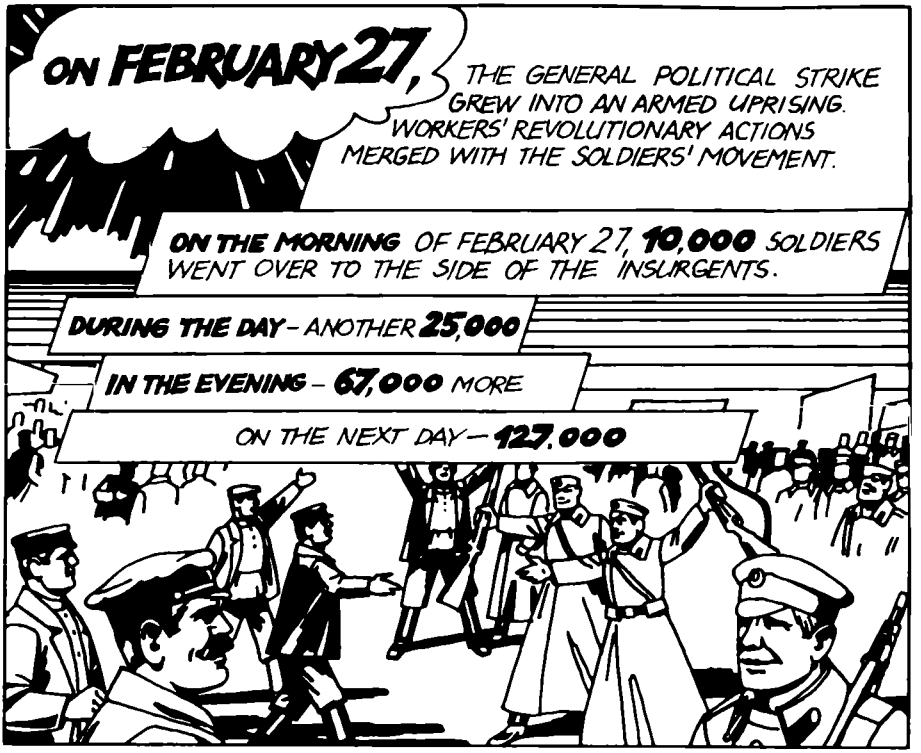


ON FEBRUARY 24,
THE STRIKERS NUMBERED 214,000.
ON FEBRUARY 25,
A GENERAL POLITICAL STRIKE BEGAN; IT PARALYSED THE CITY'S ECONOMY.
ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 25, THE COMMANDER OF THE CAPITAL'S MILITARY DISTRICT, GENERAL KHABALOV, RECEIVED AN ORDER FROM THE TSAR TO PUT AN END TO THE DISTURBANCES IN THE CAPITAL WITHOUT DELAY.
I ORDER THAT THE DISORDERS IN THE CAPITAL, INTOLERABLE DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES OF WAR, BE ENDED TOMORROW.
I HAVE ISSUED AN ORDER PROHIBITING GATHERINGS.



ON FEBRUARY 26, BLOODY CLASHES TOOK PLACE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY BETWEEN WORKERS, AND POLICE AND TROOPS.

THE SIDE THE WOMEN TAKE WILL BE THE WINNING ONE!
WHAT HAVE THE WOMEN GOT TO DO WITH IT? IT'S THE SIDE THE TROOPS TAKE THAT MATTERS!


ON FEBRUARY 27, THE GENERAL POLITICAL STRIKE GREW INTO AN ARMED UPRISING. WORKERS' REVOLUTIONARY ACTIONS MERGED WITH THE SOLDIERS' MOVEMENT.
ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 27, 10,000 SOLDIERS WENT OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE INSURGENTS.
DURING THE DAY - ANOTHER 25,000
IN THE EVENING - 67,000 MORE
ON THE NEXT DAY - 127,000

PETROGRAD SOVIET OF WORKERS' AND SOLDIERS' DEPUTIES
AFTER ALL, THE PEOPLE SUPPORT OUR SOVIET.
NO! WE MUSTN'T RUSH THINGS!
WE MUST TAKE STATE POWER INTO OUR HANDS!

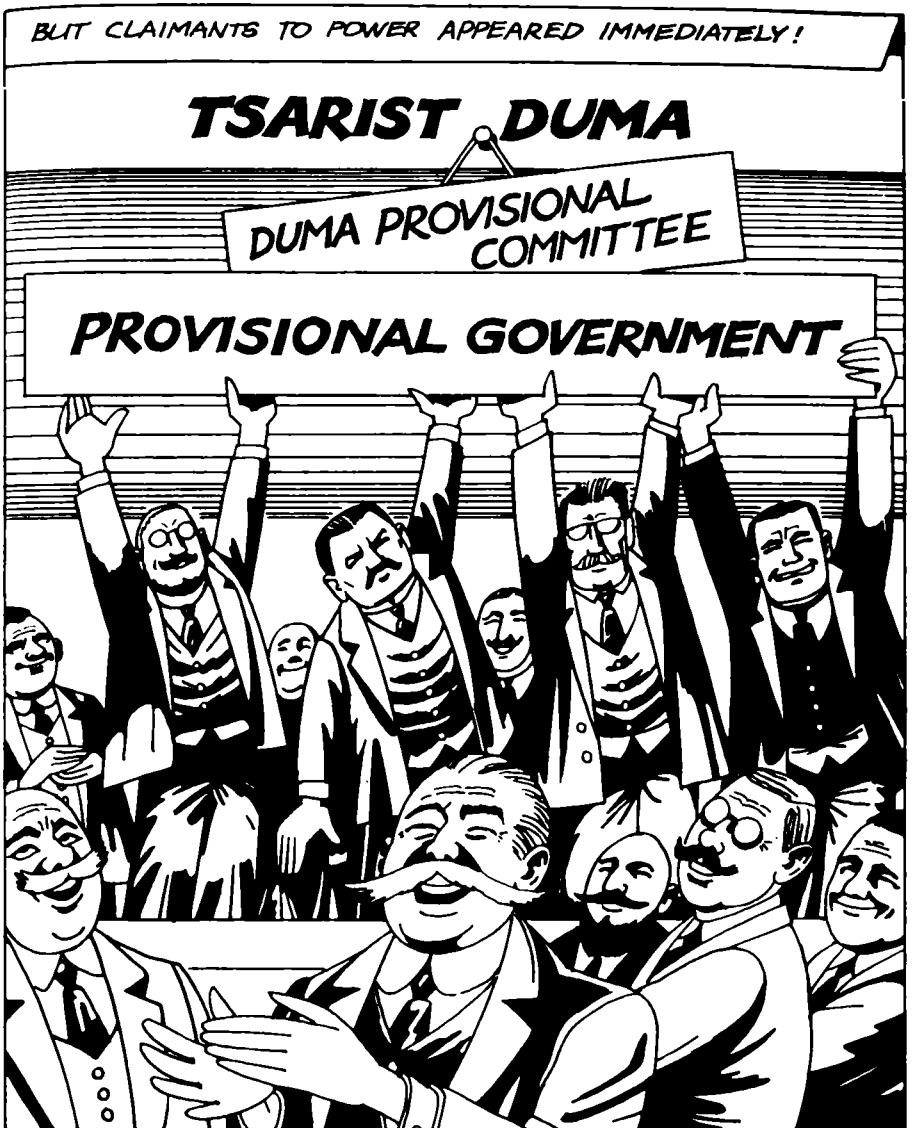
ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 27, THE WORKERS AND SOLDIERS ELECTED THEIR DEPUTIES TO THE PETROGRAD SOVIET. THE PEOPLE'S UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT GAVE THEM FULL POWER. BUT MOST OF THE LEADERS OF THE SOVIET REPRESENTED PARTIES THAT COULD NOT AND DID NOT WANT TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY.

SOVIETS – ELECTED POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS OF WORKERS, SOLDIERS AND PEASANTS, WHICH ORIGINALLY APPEARED IN RUSSIA DURING THE FIRST RUSSIAN REVOLUTION OF 1905-07.

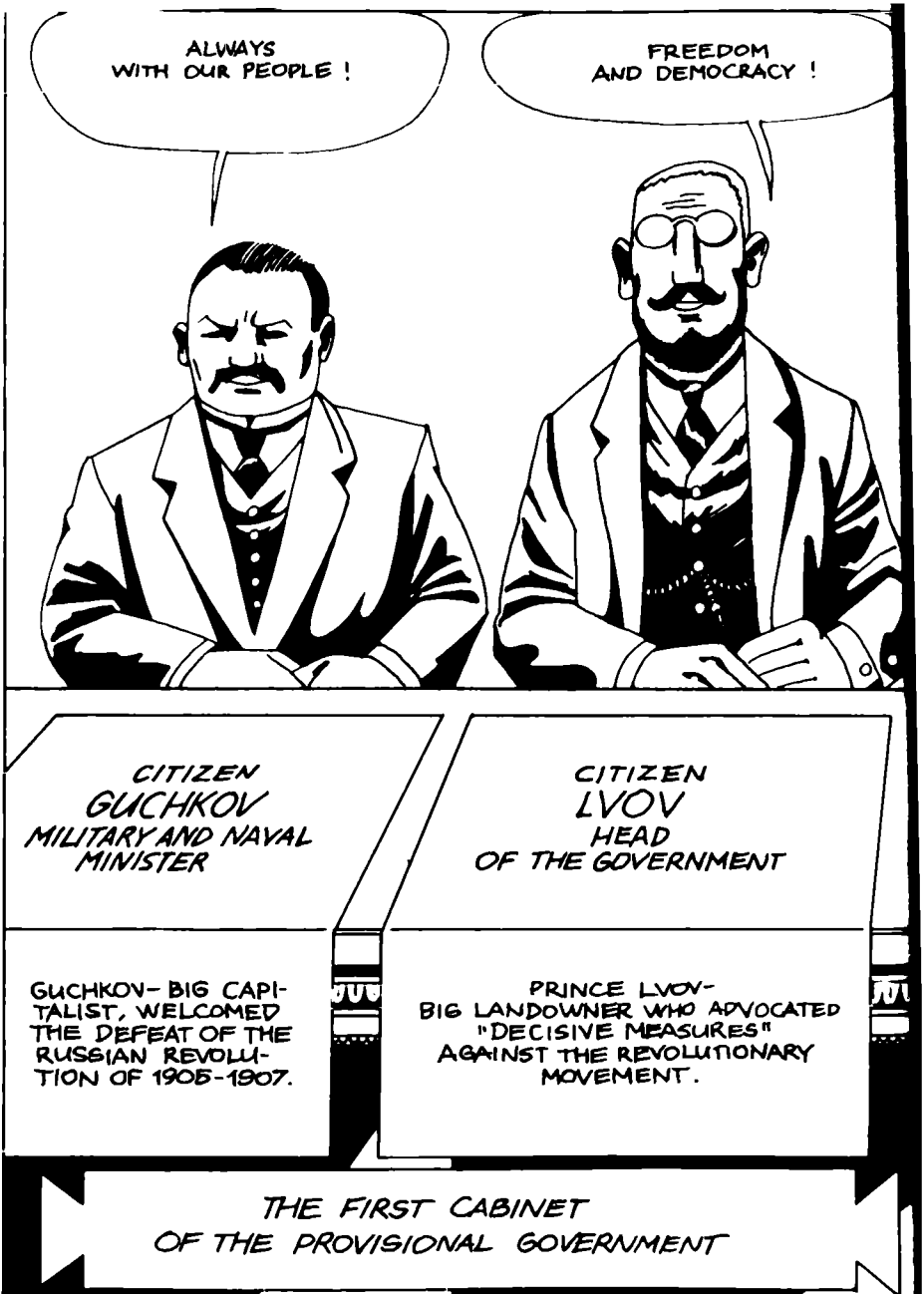
THE BOURGEOISIE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE WAVE OF POPULAR REVOLUTION...

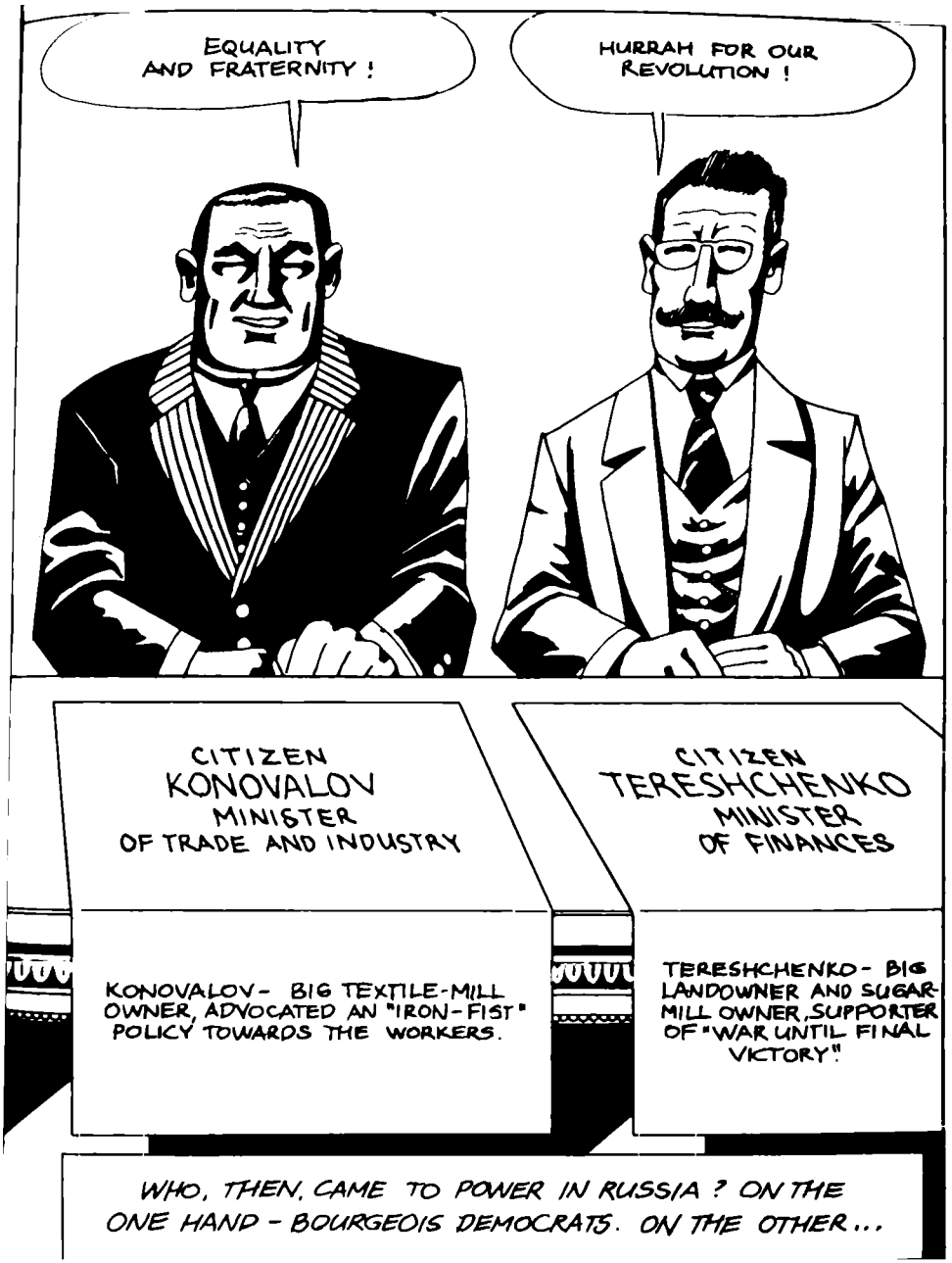
...WHILE THE WORKERS AND SOLDIERS WERE FIGHTING FOR POWER IN THE STREETS OF PETROGRAD, THOSE BOURGEOIS, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY SAT IN THE TSARIST DUMA, DECLARED THEMSELVES THE DUMA PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE **ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 27.**

ON MARCH 2, THE DUMA PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE TSAR AND DEMAND HIS ABDICATION
TSAR AND MINISTERS
WHAT DO I NEED THIS BURDEN FOR ?!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, YOUR MAJESTY ?
PERHAPS YOU COULD ABDICATE IN YOUR SON'S FAVOUR ?
NO, I ABDICATE FOR MYSELF AND FOR MY SON, IN FAVOUR OF MY BROTHER.
THE TSAR HAS ABDICATED, THE GRAND DUKE HAS ABDICATED !
POOR RUSSIA ! NO ONE WANTS TO RULE HER !



THAT SAME DAY, THE BOURGEOISIE, WITH THE BLESSING OF THE LEADERS OF THE PETROGRAD SOVIET, FORMED THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA.

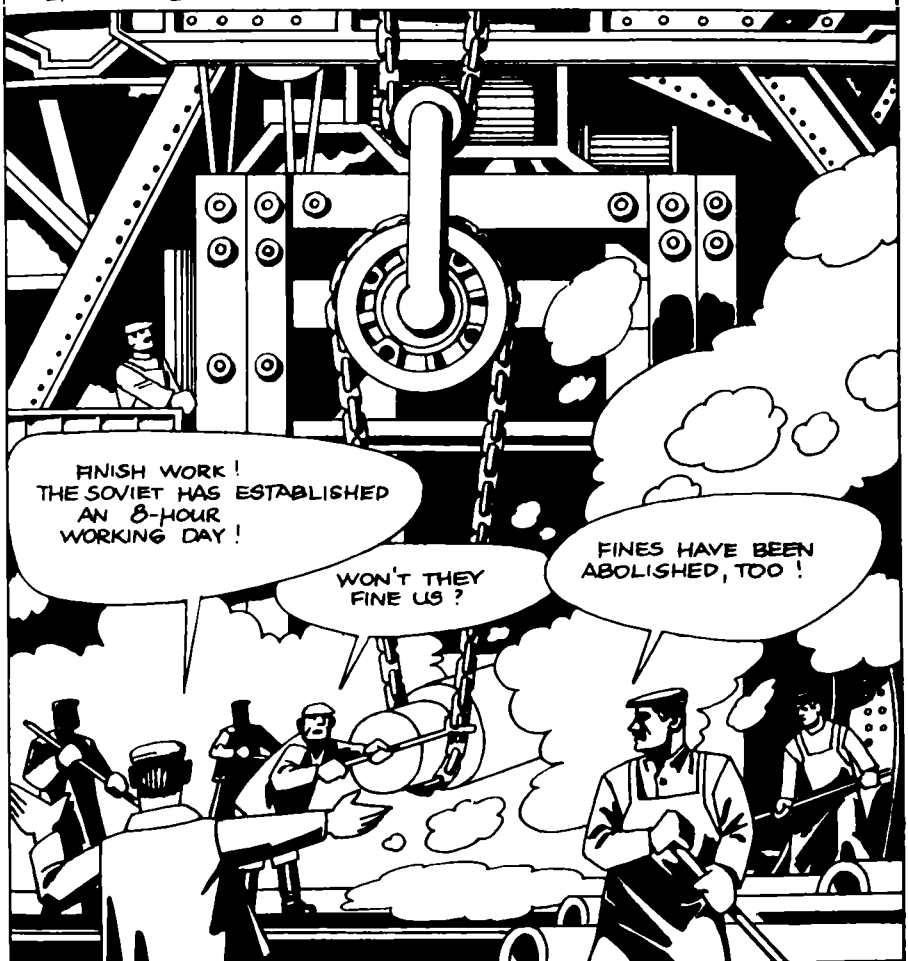

ALWAYS WITH OUR PEOPLE !
FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY !
CITIZEN GUCHKOV MILITARY AND NAVAL MINISTER
CITIZEN LVOV HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT
GUCHKOV- BIG CAPITALIST, WELCOMED THE DEFEAT OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION OF 1905-1907.
PRINCE LVOV- BIG LANDOWNER WHO ADVOCATED "DECISIVE MEASURES" AGAINST THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.
THE FIRST CABINET OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT


EQUALITY AND FRATERNITY !
HURRAH FOR OUR REVOLUTION !
CITIZEN KONOVALOV MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
CITIZEN TERESHCHENKO MINISTER OF FINANCES
KONOVALOV- BIG TEXTILE-MILL OWNER, ADVOCATED AN "IRON-FIST" POLICY TOWARDS THE WORKERS.
TERESHCHENKO- BIG LANDOWNER AND SUGAR-MILL OWNER, SUPPORTER OF "WAR UNTIL FINAL VICTORY".
WHO, THEN, CAME TO POWER IN RUSSIA ? ON THE ONE HAND - BOURGEOIS DEMOCRATS. ON THE OTHER...

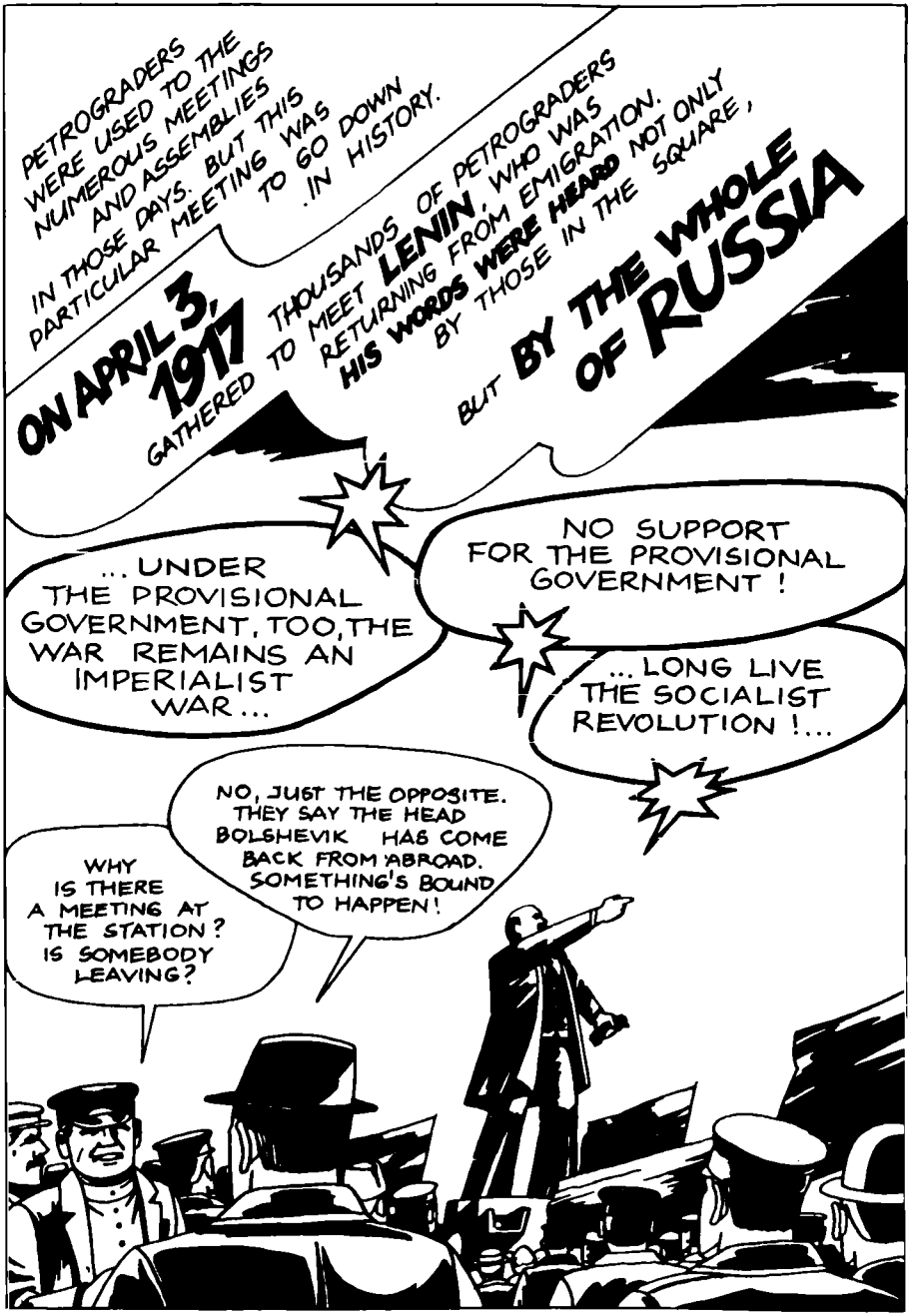
IN MARCH 1917, A UNIQUE AND EXTREMELY CONTRADICTORY INTERTWINING OF TWO POWERS TOOK SHAPE IN RUSSIA: THE POWER OF THE BOURGEOISIE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY-DEMOCRATIC POWER OF THE PROLETARIAT AND PEASANTRY.

BY ORDER No. 1 OF THE PETROGRAD SOVIET, WE SHALL TODAY ELECT AN ARMY COMMITTEE.
AND DID THE GENERAL GIVE HIS PERMISSION?
NOW OUR COMMITTEE WILL CONTROL THE ORDERS OF THE GENERAL AND ALL OTHER OFFICERS.

IN SPITE OF HAVING RELINQUISHED POWER TO THE BOURGEOIS PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, FOR WHICH THE LEADERS OF THE SOVIET WERE TO BLAME, SINCE THEY DID NOT WANT TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY THEMSELVES, PETROGRAD SOVIET STILL ENJOYED REAL POWER OWING TO THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT.



LENIN SAW THE SOCIAL ESSENCE OF THE DUAL POWER AS THE INADEQUATE POLITICAL MATURITY AND ORGANISATION OF THE PROLETARIAT, AS WELL AS THE UNPRECEDENTED ACTIVITY OF THE PETTY-BOURGEOIS STRATA OF THE POPULATION.


PETROGRADERS WERE USED TO THE NUMEROUS MEETINGS AND ASSEMBLIES IN THOSE DAYS. BUT THIS PARTICULAR MEETING WAS TO GO DOWN IN HISTORY.
ON APRIL 3, 1917 GATHERED TO MEET LENIN, WHO WAS RETURNING FROM EMIGRATION. HIS WORDS WERE HEARD NOT ONLY BY THOSE IN THE SQUARE, BUT BY THE WHOLE OF RUSSIA
... UNDER THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, TOO, THE WAR REMAINS AN IMPERIALIST WAR ...
NO SUPPORT FOR THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT !
... LONG LIVE THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION !...
WHY IS THERE A MEETING AT THE STATION? IS SOMEBODY LEAVING?
NO, JUST THE OPPOSITE. THEY SAY THE HEAD BOLSHEVIK HAS COME BACK FROM ABROAD. SOMETHING'S BOUND TO HAPPEN!

YES, OF COURSE, GENTLEMEN, OUR ALLIES, WE HERE ARE PREPARED TO GO ON FIGHTING THE WAR TILL VICTORY IS WON!
WE DON'T WANT TO FIGHT!
I WONDER, JUST WHO IS PREPARED TO GO ON FIGHTING?
THE PROVIGIONAL GOVERNMENT, WHO ELSE?
LET THEM GO AND FIGHT THEMSELVES, THEN.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT DID NOT AND COULD NOT SOLVE A SINGLE MAJOR PROBLEM OF THE REVOLUTION: THAT OF WAR AND PEACE, THE AGRARIAN AND LABOUR PROBLEM, THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RUIN, HUNGER, AND THE NATIONALITIES QUESTION.
ALL THE ATTRACTIVE PROMISES BURST LIKE SOAP BUBBLES.
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
BREAD!
PEACE!
FREEDOM!
DOWN WITH THE CAPITALIST MINISTERS!
BREAD, PEACE AND FREEDOM!

RUSSIA'S POLITICAL CALENDAR OF THOSE MONTHS WAS FILLED WITH CRISES.
UNDER POPULAR PRESSURE THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT CHANGED ITS COMPOSITION SEVERAL TIMES, BUT CONTINUED TO REPRESENT THE MONEY-BAGS.
COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES WERE TO LEAVE IT, BUT THEY WERE REPLACED BY OTHERS AT ONCE.

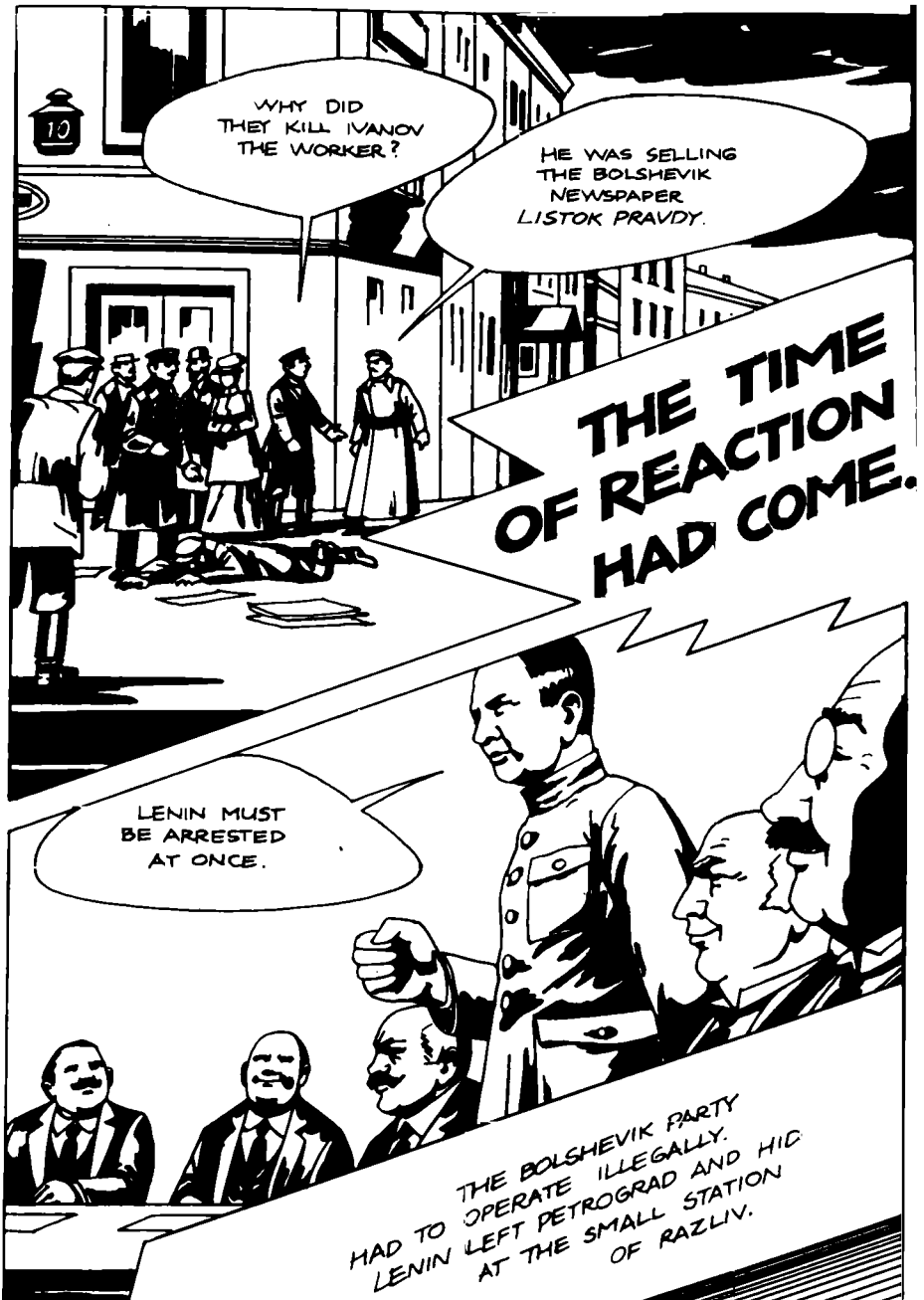
56 KILLED

650 WOUNDED

NO, THIS ISN'T TSARIST TIMES **BUT JULY 4, 1917!**
THE TROOPS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OPENED FIRE ON 500,000 PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS. THEY WANTED TO SAVE THE REVOLUTION—... FROM THEIR OWN PEOPLE!

AFTER THE BLOODY EVENTS OF JULY, LENIN WROTE: "THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION HAS BECOME ORGANISED AND CONSOLIDATED, AND HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN STATE POWER INTO ITS HANDS."

THE DUAL POWER CAME TO AN END.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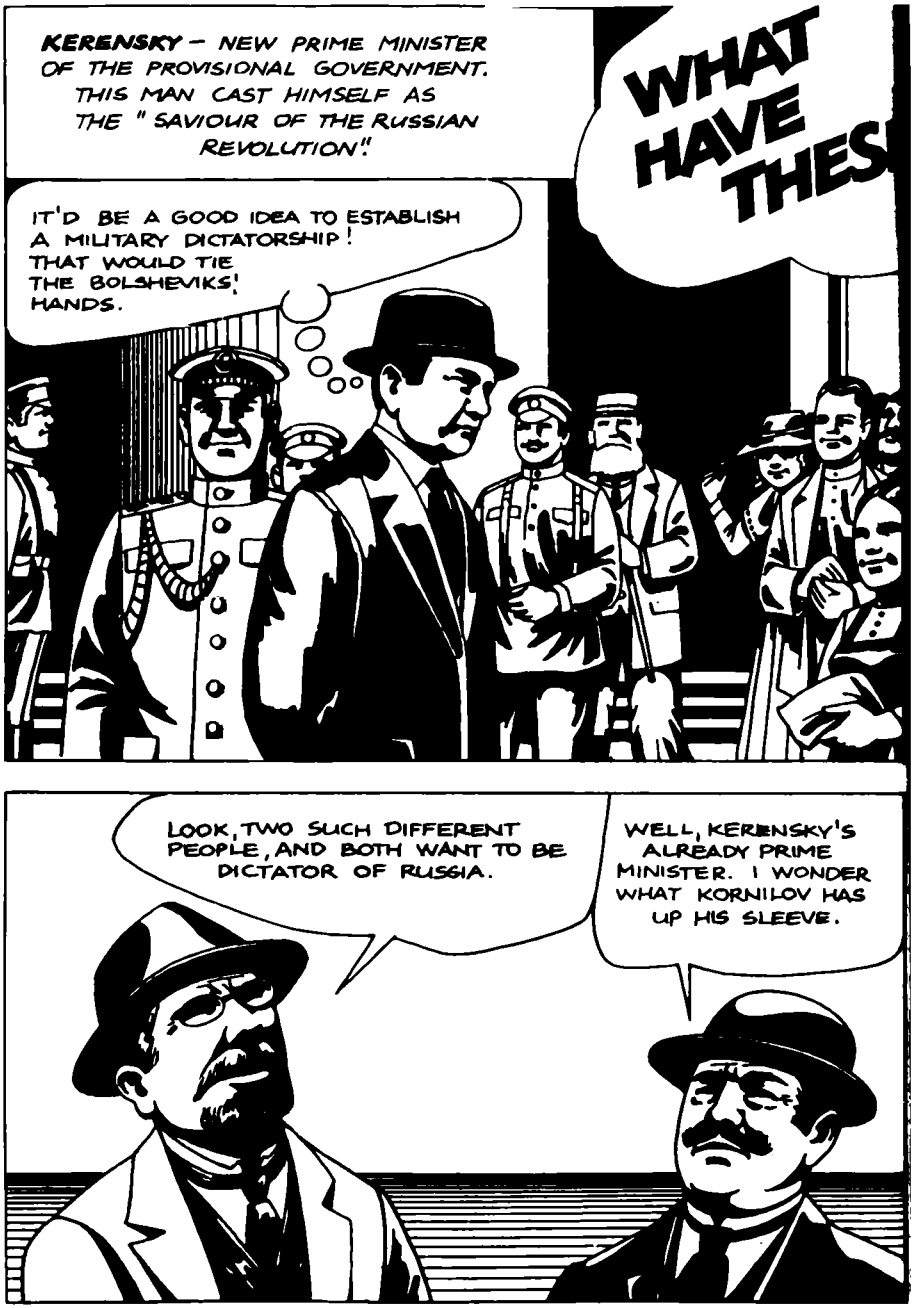
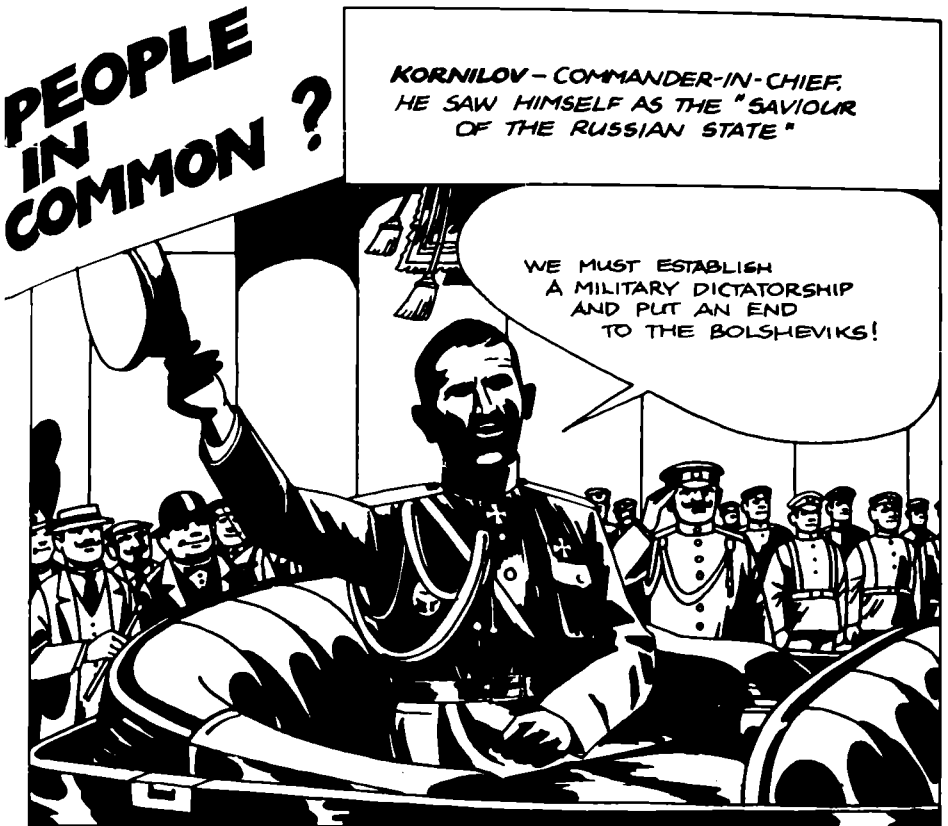
WHY DID THEY KILL IVANOV THE WORKER?
HE WAS SELLING THE BOLSHEVIK NEWSPAPER LISTOK PRAVDY.
THE TIME OF REACTION HAD COME.
LENIN MUST BE ARRESTED AT ONCE.
HAD TO OPERATE ILLEGALLY.
THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY
LENIN LEFT PETROGRAD AND HID AT THE SMALL STATION OF RAZLIV.

IN SPITE OF MURDER, ARREST AND ATTACKS ON PRINTING WORKS, THE BOLSHEVIK PRESS PERSISTED IN ITS STRUGGLE. THE NEWSPAPER PRAVDA (THE PARTY'S CHIEF PRINTED ORGAN) CAME OUT UNDER VARIOUS NAMES: RABOCHY I SOLDAT, PROLETARY, RABOCHY PUT.
HAVE YOU READ THAT THERE'S A CONGRESS OF BOLSHEVIKS? I WONDER WHY THEY DON'T WRITE WHERE IT'S BEING HELD.
AT THE MOMENT THE CONGRESS CAN ONLY WORK ON AN ILLEGAL BASIS.
FROM JULY 26 TO AUGUST 3, THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY WAS HELD IN PETROGRAD. IT ADOPTED A LINE OF ARMED UPRISING, OF PREPARING THE MASSES FOR THE MOMENT WHEN THE NATIONWIDE CRISIS AND REVOLUTIONARY UPSURGE WOULD CREATE THE RIGHT CONDITIONS FOR VICTORY.


KERENSKY – NEW PRIME MINISTER OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. THIS MAN CAST HIMSELF AS THE "SAVIOUR OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION!"
WHAT HAVE THES
IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP! THAT WOULD TIE THE BOLSHEVIKS' HANDS.
LOOK, TWO SUCH DIFFERENT PEOPLE, AND BOTH WANT TO BE DICTATOR OF RUSSIA.
WELL, KERENSKY'S ALREADY PRIME MINISTER. I WONDER WHAT KORNILOV HAS UP HIS SLEEVE.


PEOPLE IN COMMON ?
KORNILOV – COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. HE SAW HIMSELF AS THE "SAVIOUR OF THE RUSSIAN STATE"
WE MUST ESTABLISH A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP AND PUT AN END TO THE BOLSHEVIKS!

BETWEEN AUGUST 21 AND 31, 1917, GENERAL KORNILOV MOVED HIS TROOPS AGAINST PETROGRAD WITH THE AIM OF ESTABLISHING A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IN RUSSIA. HIS MUTINY RELIED ON THE BIG BOURGEOISIE AND WAS SUPPORTED BY THE ENTENTE. THE STRUGGLE AGAINST KORNILOV WAS ORGANISED BY THE BOLSHEVIKS. THE MUTINY WAS PUT DOWN BY THE REVOLUTIONARY TROOPS.

THE DEFEAT OF KORNILOV CHANGED THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. THE BOLSHEVIKS' PRESTIGE ROSE SHARPLY, WHILE THE BROAD POPULATION FINALLY REALISED THE TRUE NATURE OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

AUTUMN 1917 ARRIVED...
TO WARMER CLIMES, MY CHILD. TO LANDS WHERE THERE HAS BEEN NO REVOLUTION YET!
DADDY, WHERE DO THE BIRDS GO IN THE WINTER?
OUR BREAD RATION HAS BEEN CUT SIX TIMES IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. IT'S VIRTUALLY INVISIBLE NOW.
SHE'S GONE MAD!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ON YOUR EMPTY PALM?
CUT OFF EXACTLY A THIRD OF THAT SHOE, PLEASE.
WHAT'S SHE GOT TO DO WITH IT? HER MONTHLY WAGE IS 35 ROUBLES AND THE SHOES COST 100 ROUBLES.
BREAD
SHOES

REVOLUTION IS A DISEASE... OTHER STATES WILL HAVE TO INTERVENE, JUST AS DOCTORS DO, IN ORDER TO HEAL A SICK CHILD...
THE CAPITALIST LIANOZOV
A VERY CLEVER NOTION. "LET'S HURRY, FRIENDS, TO COMPLETE THE REVOLUTION: HE WHO MAKES A REVOLUTION TOO LONG, DOES NOT ENJOY ITS FRUITS."
WHAT'S NEW IN THE PAPERS?
AND WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN THE TERRIBLE RUSSIAN WINTER SETS IN?
WINTER, DEAR FOREIGNER, HAS ALWAYS BEEN RUSSIA'S ALLY. MAYBE THIS TIME IT'LL RID US OF THE REVOLUTION.
ALL POWER TO THE SOVIETS!

THE AUTUMN THAT WAS TO BECOME THE SPRING OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION HAD ARRIVED...

History will not forgive revolutionaries for procrastinating when they could be victorious today (and they certainly will be victorious today), while they risk losing much tomorrow, in fact, they risk losing everything.

V. I. Lenin

ON WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU? ARE YOU DEFENDING THE GOVERNMENT?
THERE ISN'T ANY GOVERNMENT ANY MORE, THANK GOD!

1. ORGANISE A HEADQUARTERS FOR THE INSURGENT DETACHMENTS.
2. DISTRIBUTE THE FORCES.
3. MOVE THE MAIN FORCES TO THE KEY POINTS: THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE, TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AND RAILWAY STATIONS.
4. ARREST THE GENERAL STAFF AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.
5. ENSURE THAT ALL POSSIBLE ARMED ACTIONS BY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES ARE PUT DOWN RESOLUTELY.

LENIN'S PLAN FOR THE ARMED UPRISING

ALL OF US AT THE FACTORY ARE READY FOR THE UPRISING. WHEN ARE WE GOING TO MOVE, COMRADE ?
WE'LL MAKE OUR MOVE ONLY WHEN THE PARTY TAKES A DECISION ON THE UPRISING.

32/1, KARPOVSKAYA EMBANKMENT
THE TIME IS RIPE FOR AN UPRISING. IT IS INEVITABLE!
THE PARTY MUST TAKE THE LEAD OF THE ARMED UPRISING!

ON **OCTOBER 10, 1917,** THE SITTING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE RSDLP(B) PASSED LENIN'S RESOLUTION ON THE IMMEDIATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE ARMED UPRISING.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS OF THE PETROGRAD GARRISON.

SUCH WERE THE FIGHTING FORCES OF THE UPRISING

LOCAL REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY

THE LOCAL REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY COMMITTEES — FIGHTING BODIES FORMED BY THE SOVIETS ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE BOLSHEVIKS. THEY INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS CLASSES AND SOCIAL STRATA.

IN THE OCTOBER ARMED UPRISING IN PETROGRAD, THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY HAD BIG ARMED FORCES AT ITS DISPOSAL. THEIR VANGUARD WAS THE RED GUARD, WHOSE NUMBERS GREW TO 40,000 DURING THE STRUGGLE.

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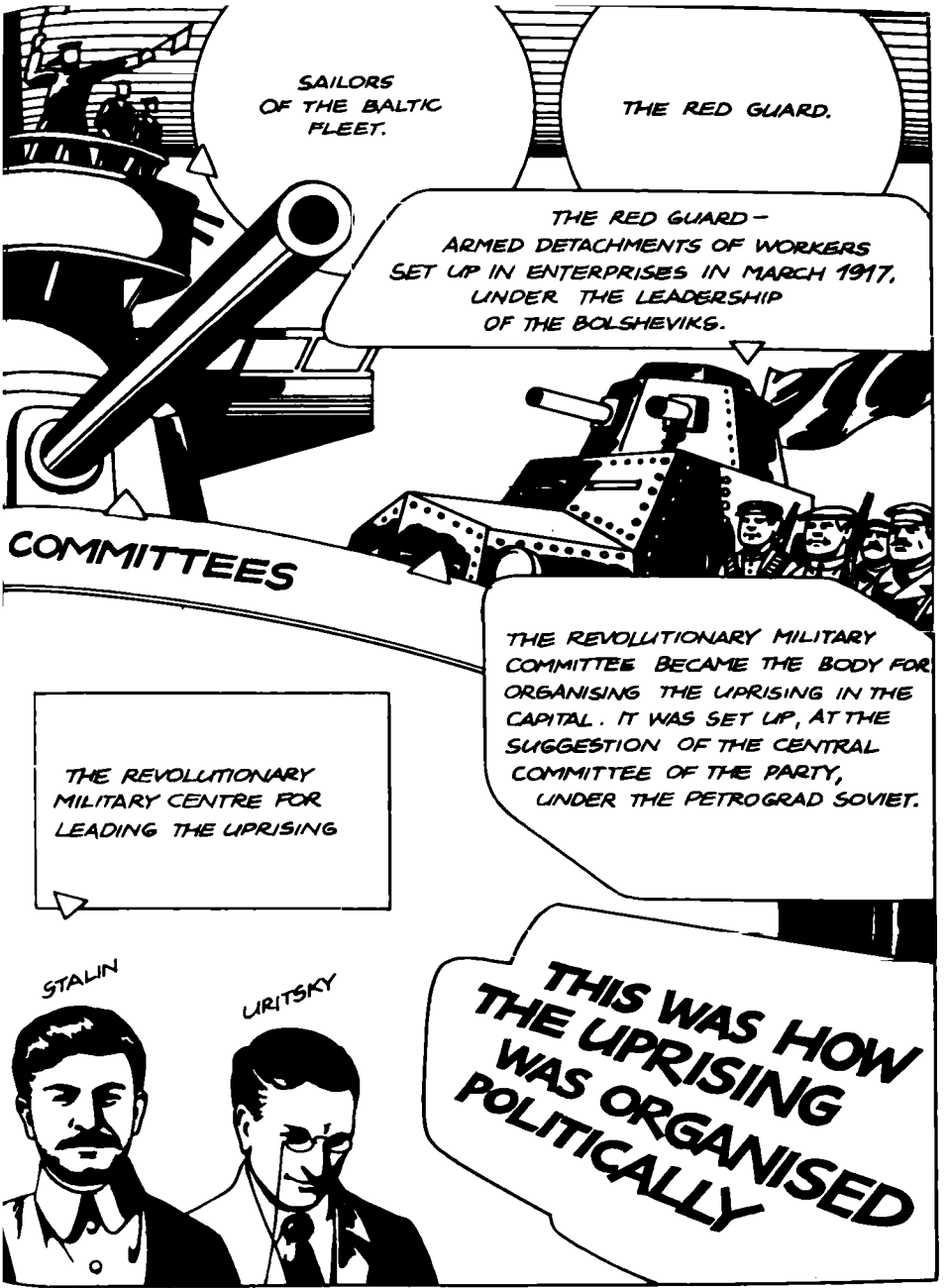
SAILORS OF THE BALTIC FLEET.
THE RED GUARD.
THE RED GUARD – ARMED DETACHMENTS OF WORKERS SET UP IN ENTERPRISES IN MARCH 1917, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BOLSHEVIKS.
COMMITTEES
THE REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY COMMITTEE BECAME THE BODY FOR ORGANISING THE UPRISING IN THE CAPITAL. IT WAS SET UP, AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY, UNDER THE PETROGRAD SOVIET.
THE REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY CENTRE FOR LEADING THE UPRISING
STALIN
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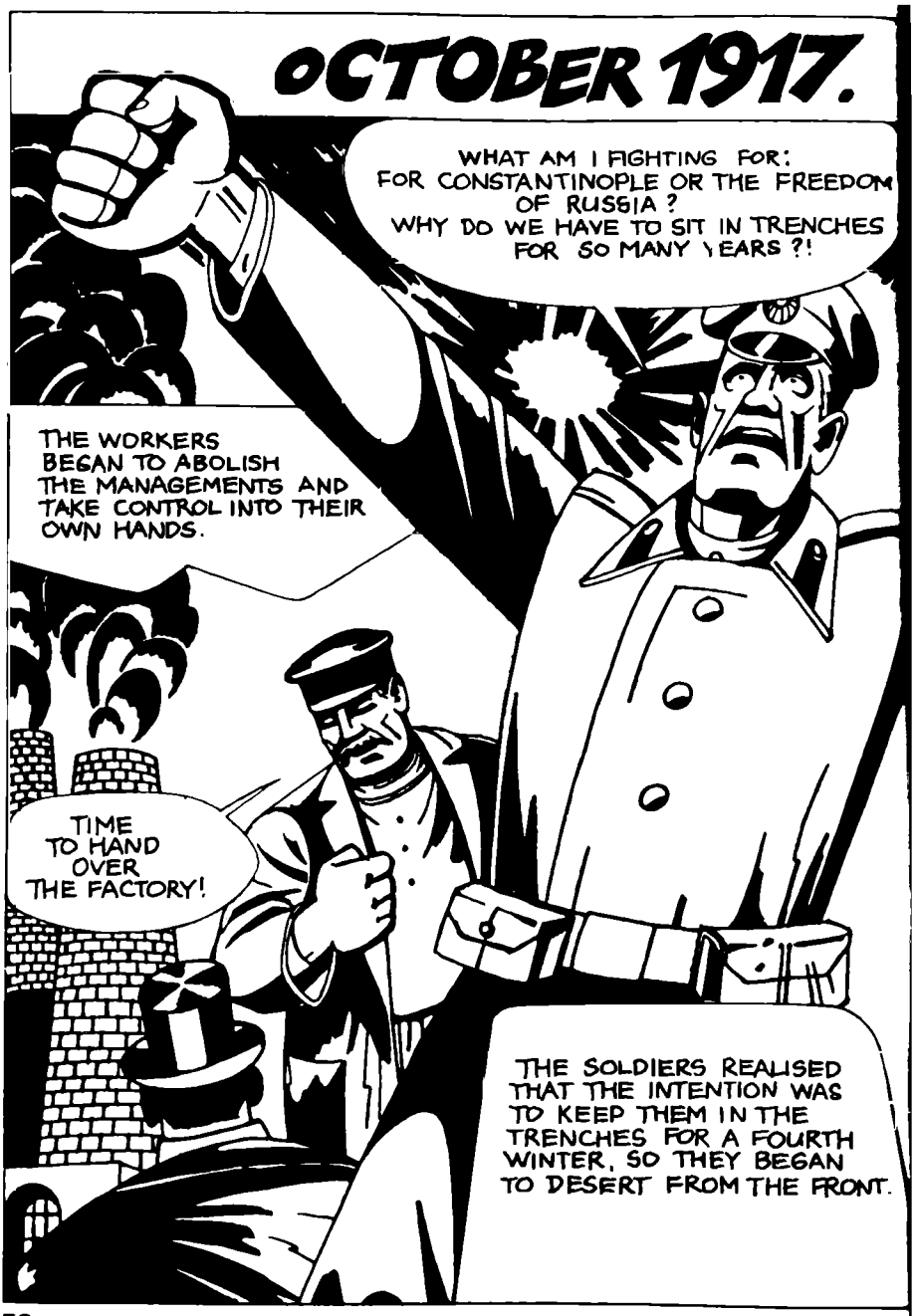
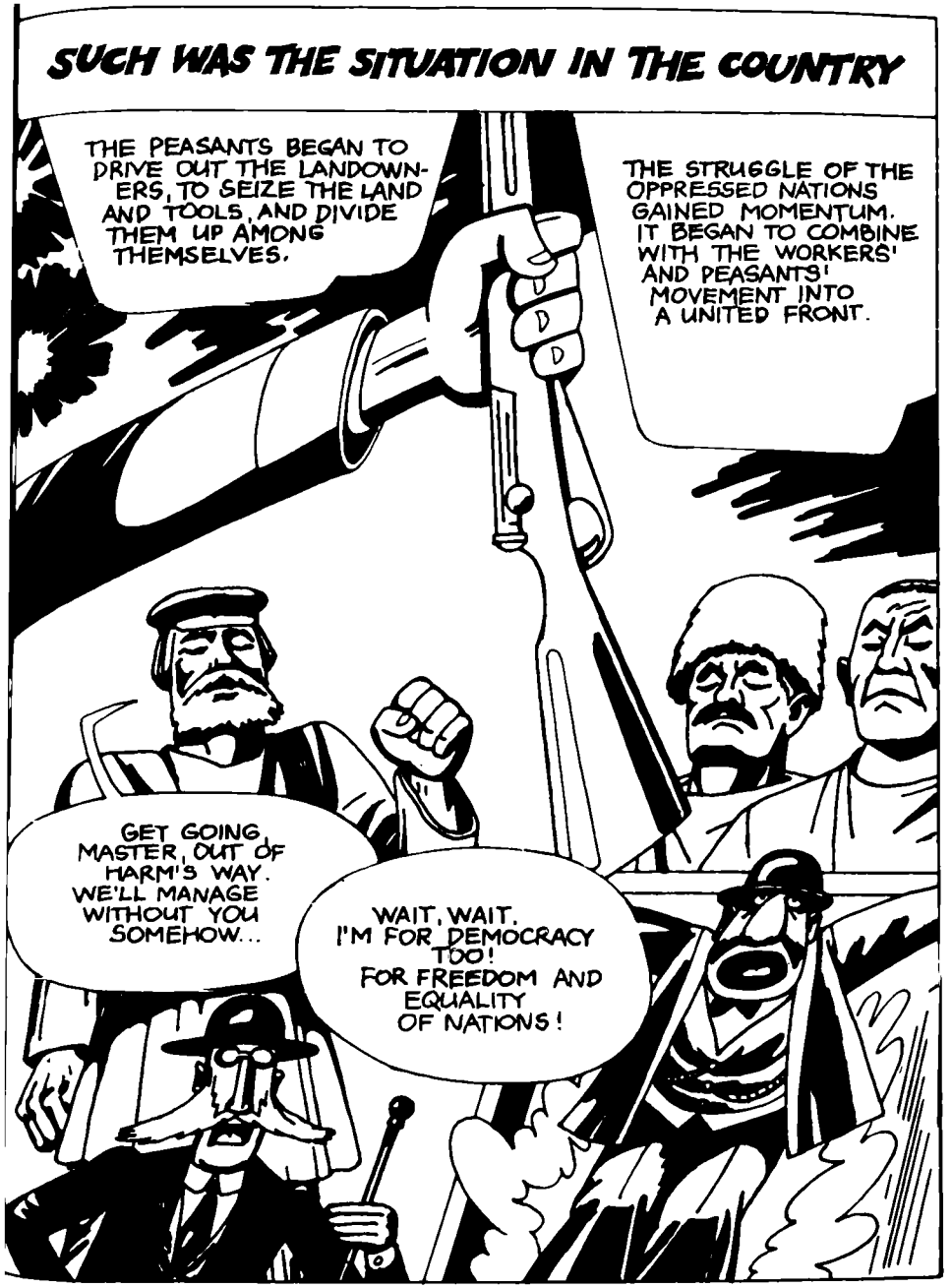
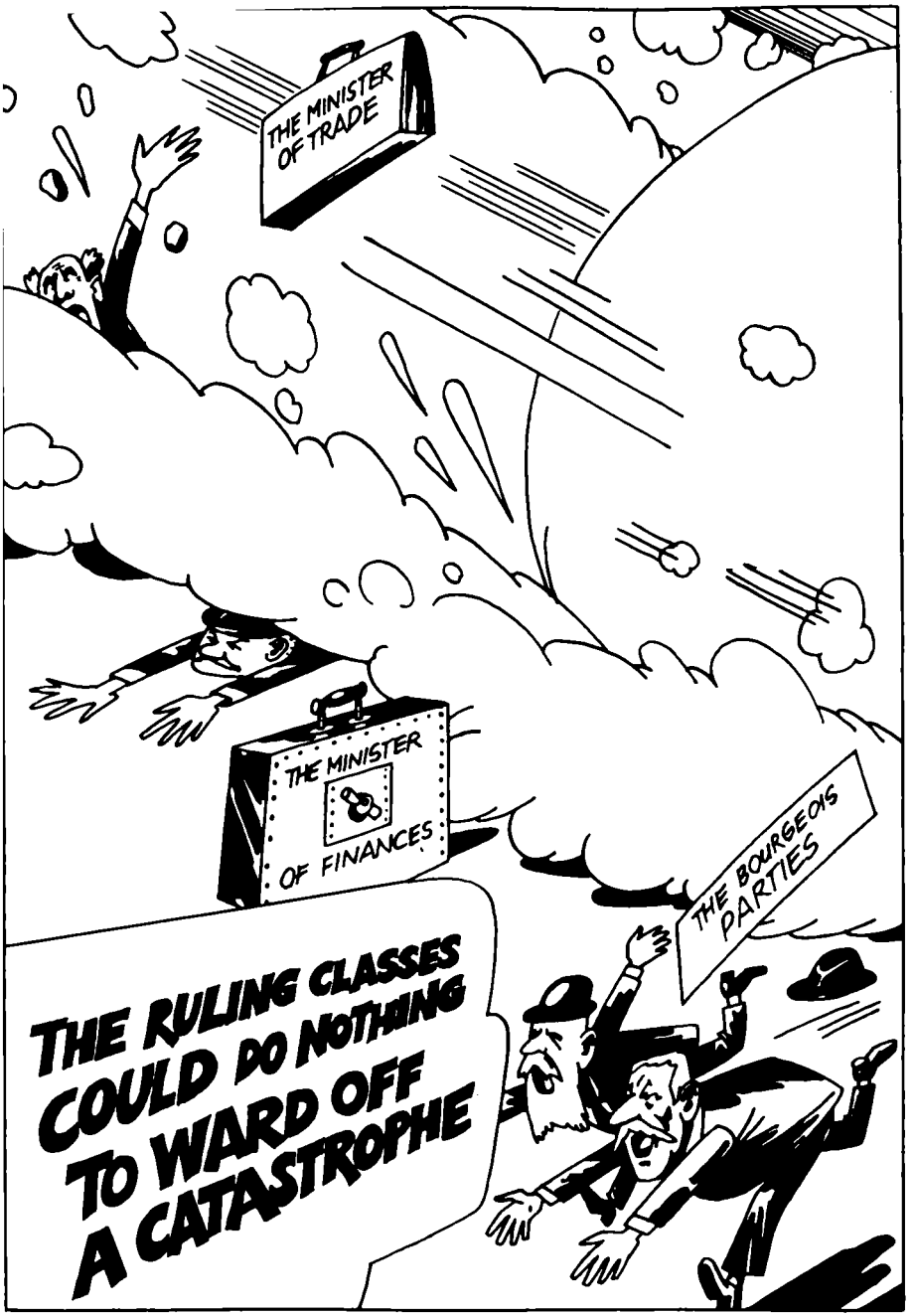
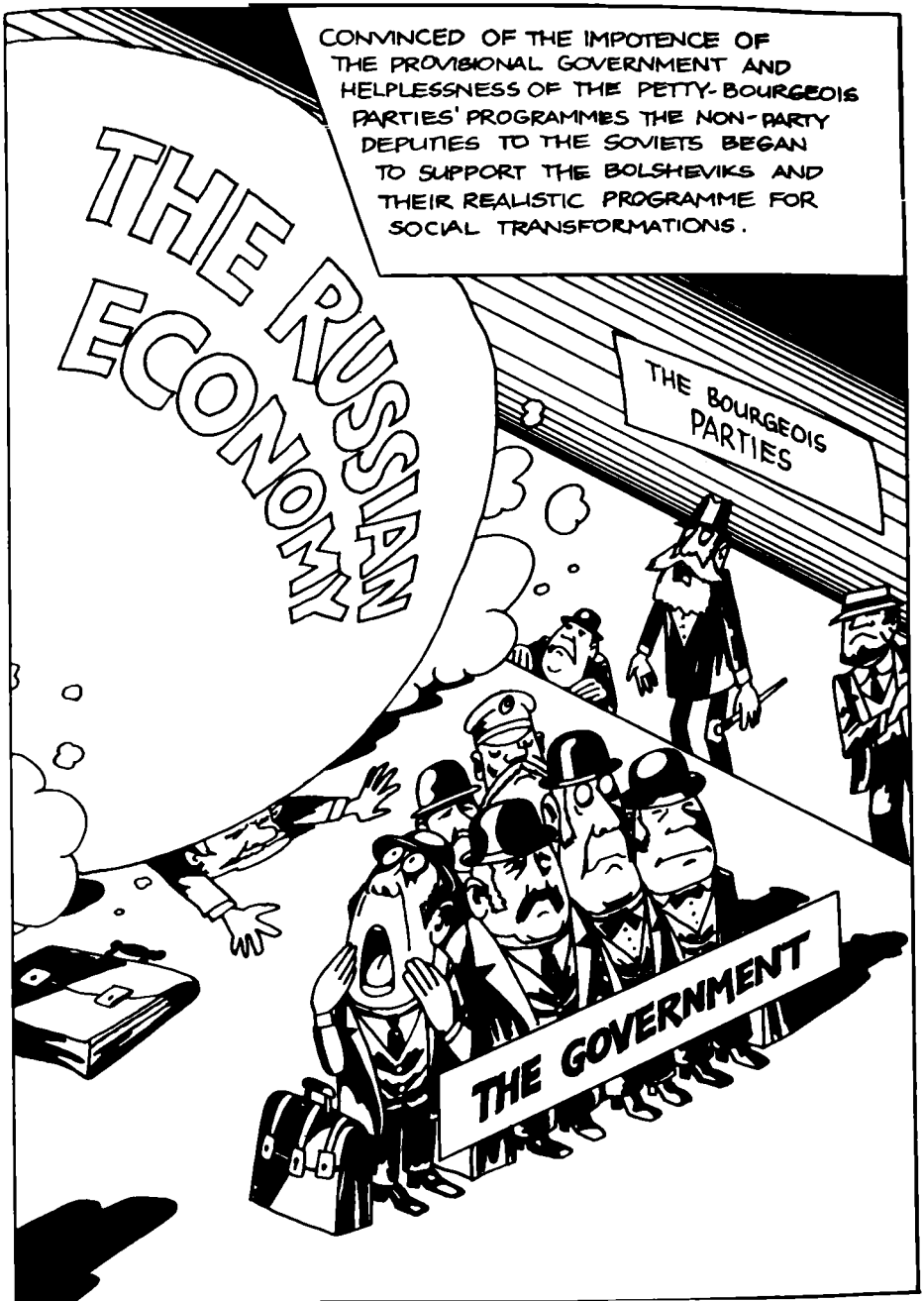
THIS WAS HOW THE UPRISING WAS ORGANISED POLITICALLY


OCTOBER 1917.
WHAT AM I FIGHTING FOR: FOR CONSTANTINOPLE OR THE FREEDOM OF RUSSIA ? WHY DO WE HAVE TO SIT IN TRENCHES FOR SO MANY YEARS ?!
THE WORKERS BEGAN TO ABOLISH THE MANAGEMENTS AND TAKE CONTROL INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.
TIME TO HAND OVER THE FACTORY!
THE SOLDIERS REALISED THAT THE INTENTION WAS TO KEEP THEM IN THE TRENCHES FOR A FOURTH WINTER, SO THEY BEGAN TO DESERT FROM THE FRONT.

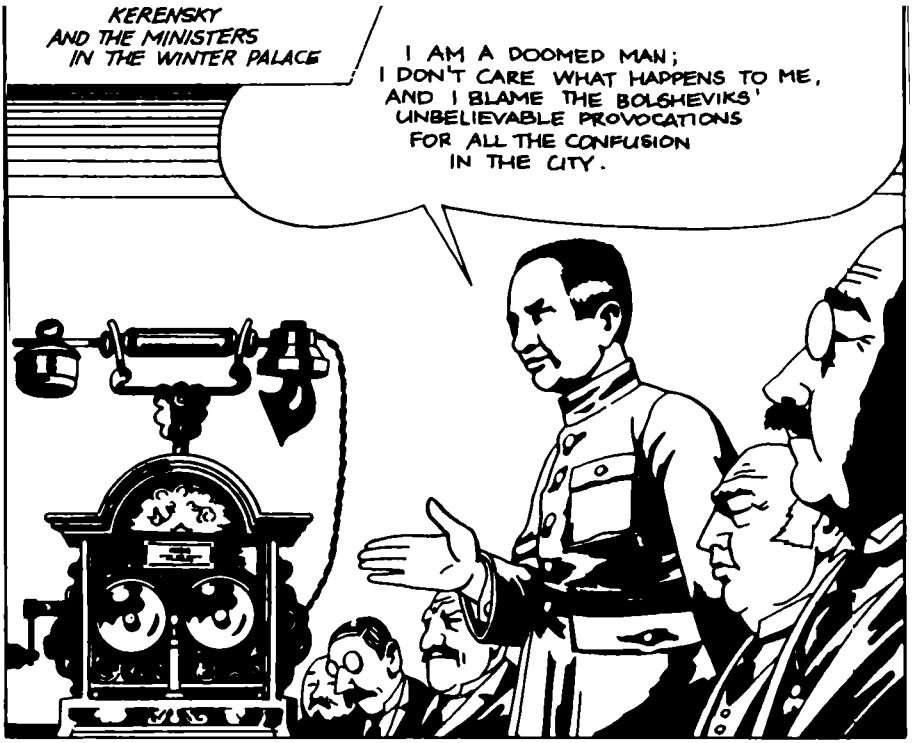

SUCH WAS THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY
THE PEASANTS BEGAN TO DRIVE OUT THE LANDOWNERS, TO SEIZE THE LAND AND TOOLS, AND DIVIDE THEM UP AMONG THEMSELVES.
THE STRUGGLE OF THE OPPRESSED NATIONS GAINED MOMENTUM. IT BEGAN TO COMBINE WITH THE WORKERS' AND PEASANTS' MOVEMENT INTO A UNITED FRONT.
GET GOING, MASTER, OUT OF HARM'S WAY. WE'LL MANAGE WITHOUT YOU SOMEHOW...
WAIT, WAIT. I'M FOR DEMOCRACY TOO! FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY OF NATIONS!


THE MINISTER OF TRADE
THE MINISTER OF FINANCES
THE BOURGEOIS PARTIES
THE RULING CLASSES COULD DO NOTHING TO WARD OFF A CATASTROPHE


CONVINCED OF THE IMPOTENCE OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND HELPLESSNESS OF THE PETTY-BOURGEOIS PARTIES' PROGRAMMES THE NON-PARTY DEPUTIES TO THE SOVIETS BEGAN TO SUPPORT THE BOLSHEVIKS AND THEIR REALISTIC PROGRAMME FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS.
THE RUSSIAN ECONOMY
THE BOURGEOIS PARTIES
THE GOVERNMENT

IN THE WORKING-CLASS QUARTERS, THE BOLSHEVIKS PUT FORWARD THE SLOGAN "ALL POWER TO THE SOVIETS!"
ALL POWER TO THE SOVIETS!
HERE YOU ARE STARVING, WHILE THE MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET MUNCH PINEAPPLES!
TWO WORLDS WERE ABOUT
AGENTS OF THE "DARK FORCES" INCITED THE PEOPLE TO MURDER SHOPKEEPERS AND SOCIALIST LEADERS.
POGROM IN MERCHANT PUPKIN'S SHOP!
THE BOLSHEVIKS ARE THE REVOLUTION'S WORST ENEMIES!
THE WAR MINISTER HAS PROPOSED A PEACE WITH THE GERMANS, IN SECRET FROM THE ALLIES!

WITH EVERY PASSING DAY, THE GOVERNMENT BECAME INCREASINGLY HELPLESS. EVEN THE CITY COUNCIL COLLAPSED. THE NEWSPAPERS WERE FULL OF AUDACIOUS ROBBERIES AND MURDERS, AND THE CRIMINALS GOT AWAY SCOT-FREE. WORKERS PATROLLED THE STREETS AT NIGHT, DRIVING AWAY MARAUDERS AND REQUISITIONING ANY WEAPONS THAT FELL INTO THEIR HANDS.
TO CLASH IN THE STREETS OF PETROGRAD
DELEGATES CAME FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO THE SECOND ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS OF SOVIETS, WHICH WAS ABOUT TO OPEN.
REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES


KERENSKY AND THE MINISTERS IN THE WINTER PALACE
I AM A DOOMED MAN; I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME, AND I BLAME THE BOLSHEVIKS' UNBELIEVABLE PROVOCATIONS FOR ALL THE CONFUSION IN THE CITY.

YOU MEAN KERENSKY REALLY SAID THAT ?!
I READ IT IN THE NEWSPAPER MYSELF.

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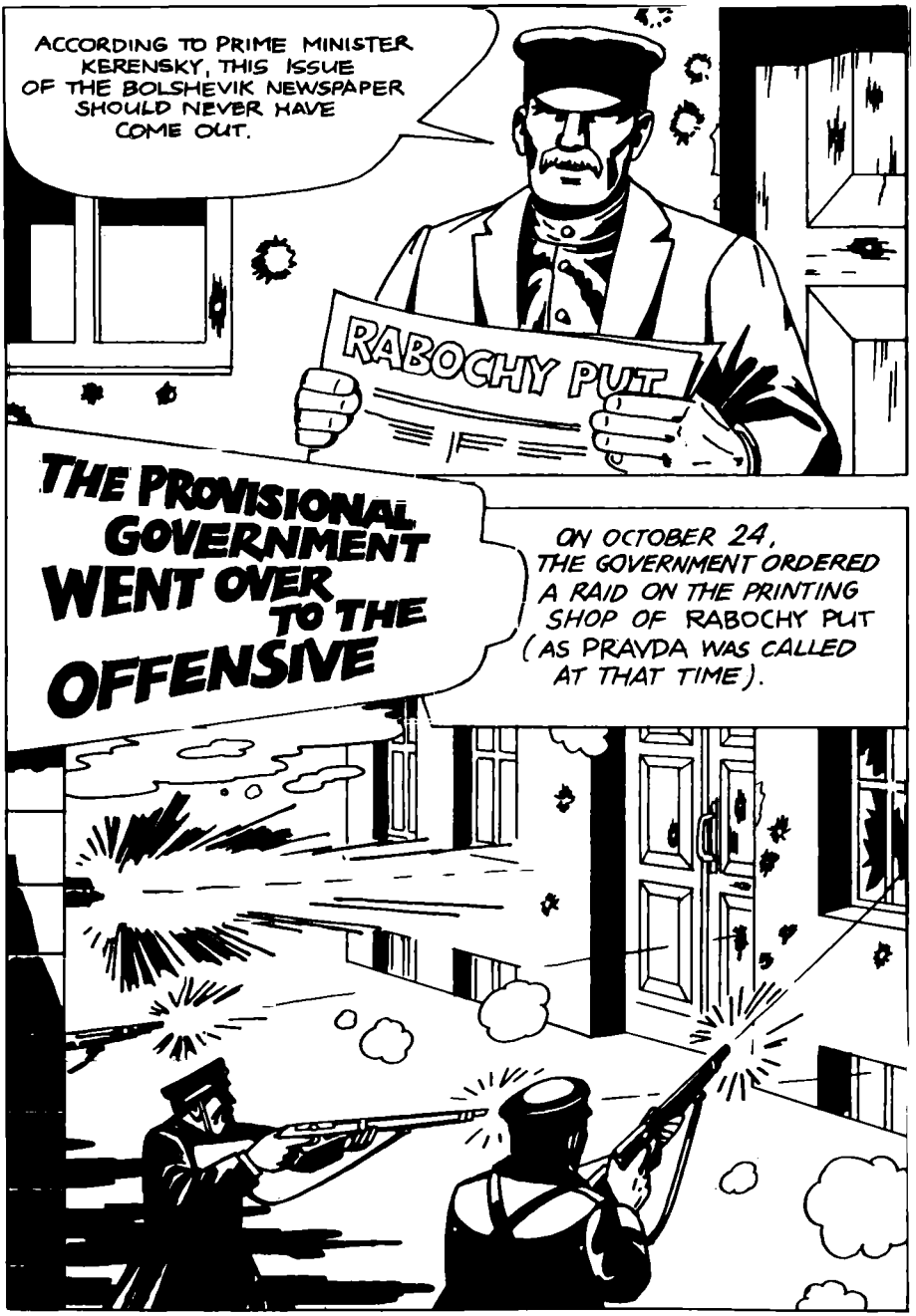
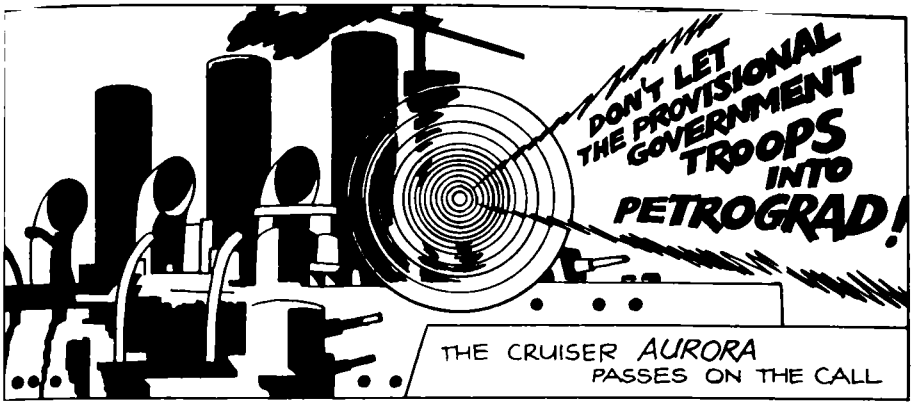
SURE, A GOVERNMENT LIKE THAT WON'T LAST LONG!
JUST ONE LITTLE PUSH NOW - AND THE POWER WILL FALL!
EVERYTHING INDICATES THAT THE POWER IN PETROGRAD WILL CHANGE HANDS TODAY OR TOMORROW...
WHEN EXACTLY THEN — TODAY OR TOMORROW?

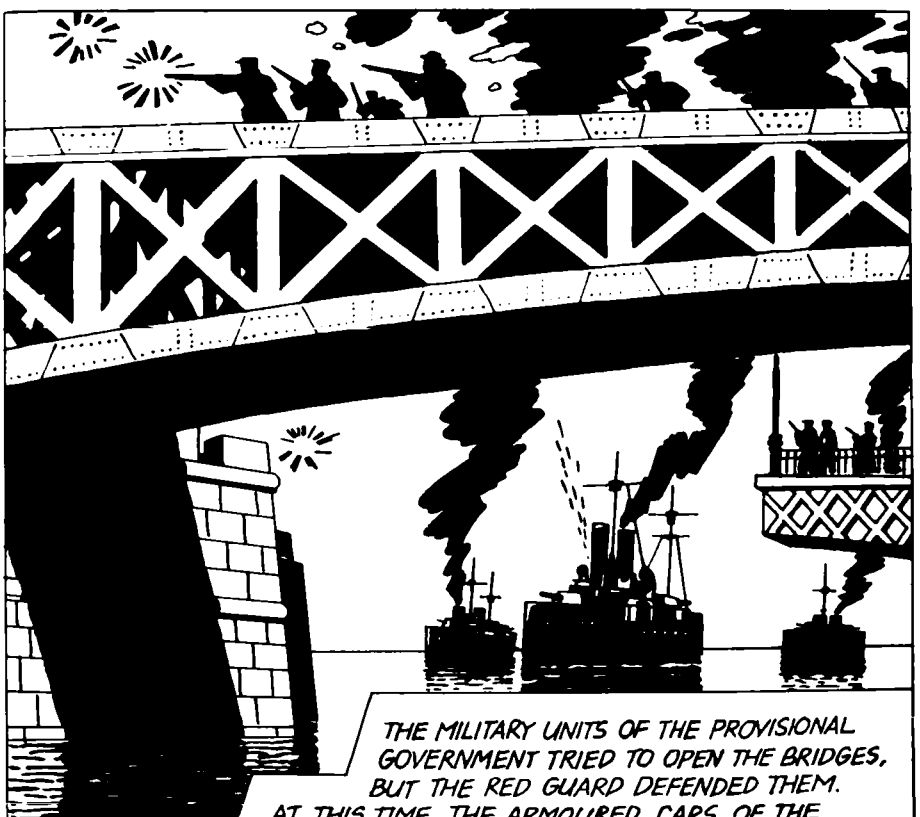
WHAT ROUTE DID THIS PETROGRAD TRAM TAKE? IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TODAY, OF COURSE. THINGS WILL HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH IN RUSSIA BY TOMORROW MORNING THAT ONE MIGHT SAY: "THE TRAM WAS TRAVELLING FROM CAPITALISM TO SOCIALISM."

WHY, THEN, WAS OCTOBER 24 THE TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION?


ACCORDING TO PRIME MINISTER KERENSKY, THIS ISSUE OF THE BOLSHEVIK NEWSPAPER SHOULD NEVER HAVE COME OUT.
RABOCHY PUT
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WENT OVER TO THE OFFENSIVE
ON OCTOBER 24, THE GOVERNMENT ORDERED A RAID ON THE PRINTING SHOP OF RABOCHY PUT (AS PRAVDA WAS CALLED AT THAT TIME).



THE CRUISER *AURORA* PASSES ON THE CALL



THE MILITARY UNITS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TRIED TO OPEN THE BRIDGES, BUT THE RED GUARD DEFENDED THEM. AT THIS TIME, THE ARMOURED CARS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY UNITS WERE CONVERGING ON THE SMOLNY INSTITUTE – THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE REVOLUTION.

"COMRADES,
I AM WRITING THESE LINES ON THE EVENING OF THE 24TH. THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL IN THE EXTREME. IN FACT IT IS NOW ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT TO DELAY THE UPRISING WOULD BE FATAL."
FROM LENIN'S LETTER TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
IN THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 24, A MAN LEFT A HOUSE ON THE CORNER OF SERDOBOLSKAYA ST. AND SAMSONEVSKY PROSPECT... THE WORKER IVANOV WAS UNKNOWN IN POLITICAL CIRCLES... NO ONE SUSPECTED THAT IT WAS HE WHO, A FEW HOURS LATER, WOULD HEAD THE UPRISING.
WHERE ARE WE GOING, DEAR ?
TO MAKE THE REVOLUTION!
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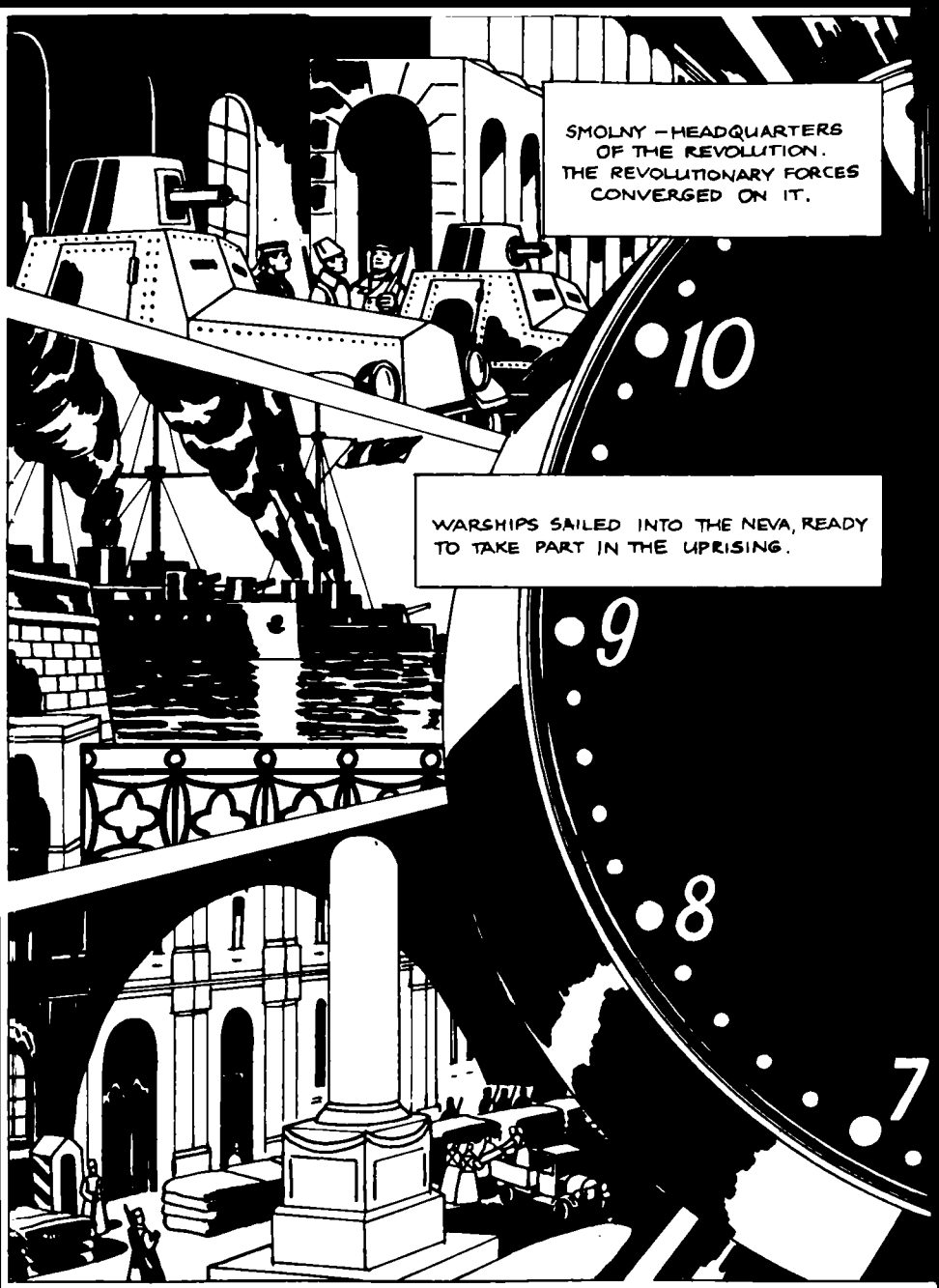
SMOLNY.
THE REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY CENTRE.
WE MUST ACT ON THE DAY THE CONGRESS OF SOVIETS OPENS, SO THAT WE MIGHT SAY: "HERE IS THE POWER! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT ?!"


SMOLNY – HEADQUARTERS OF THE REVOLUTION. THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES CONVERGED ON IT.
WARSHIPS SAILED INTO THE NEVA, READY TO TAKE PART IN THE UPRISING.
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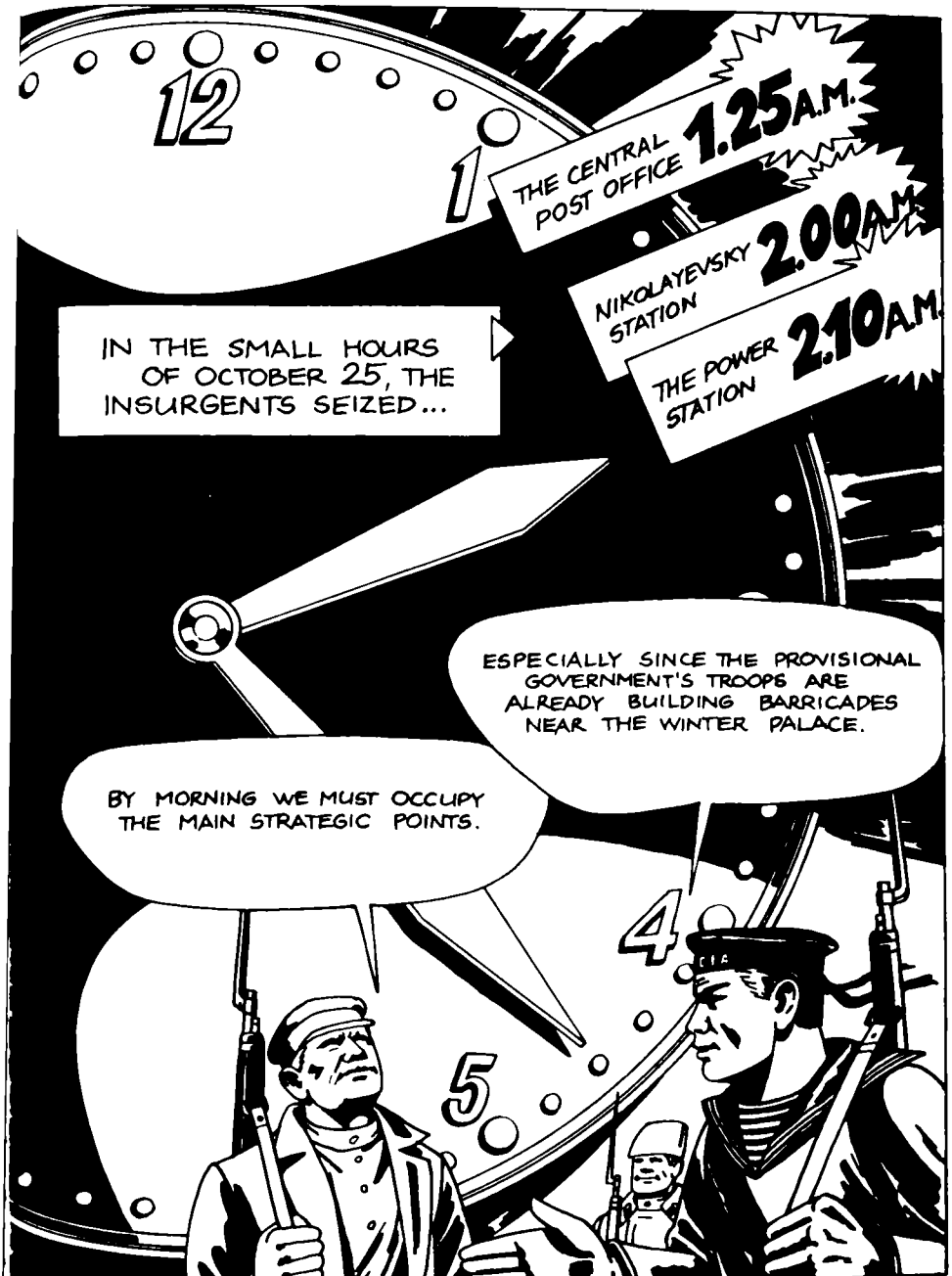
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THE CENTRAL POST OFFICE 1.25A.M.
NIKOLAYEVSKY STATION 2.00A.M.
THE POWER STATION 2.10A.M.
IN THE SMALL HOURS OF OCTOBER 25, THE INSURGENTS SEIZED...
ESPECIALLY SINCE THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT'S TROOPS ARE ALREADY BUILDING BARRICADES NEAR THE WINTER PALACE.
BY MORNING WE MUST OCCUPY THE MAIN STRATEGIC POINTS.
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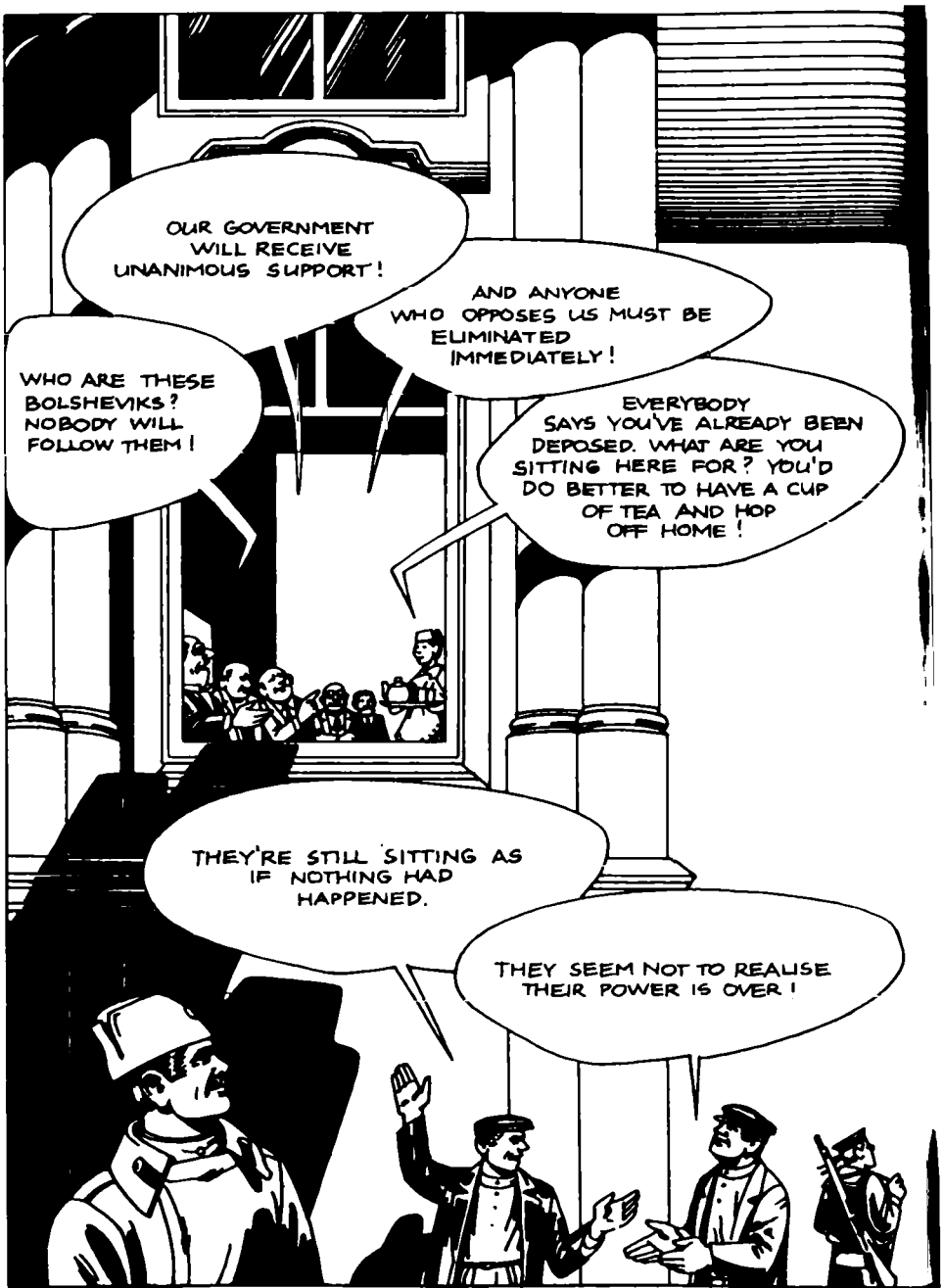
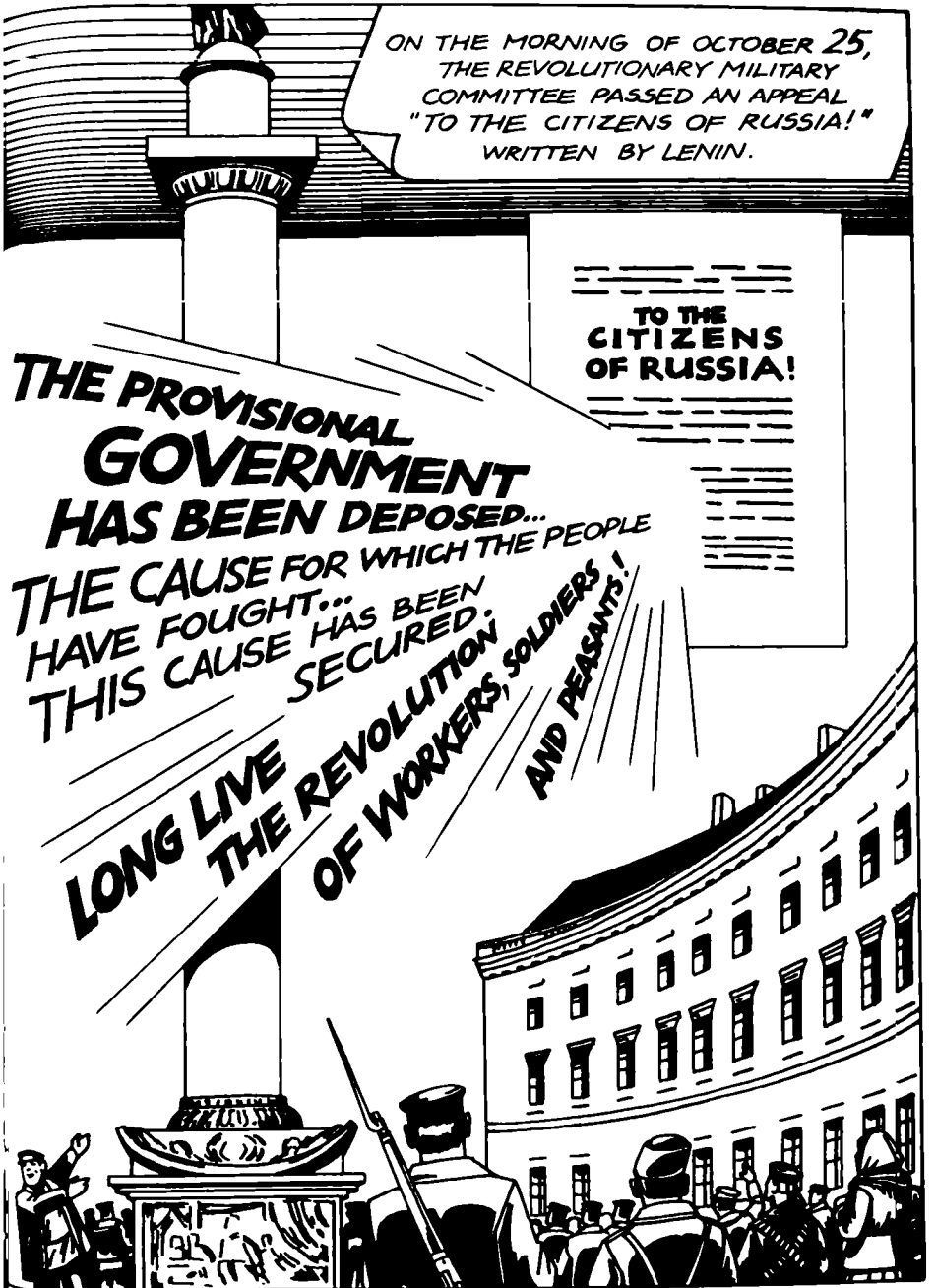
AND EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...
ABOUT 6 A.M. THE SAILORS TOOK OVER THE STATE BANK
WE NEED EVERYTHING!
WHY SO EARLY? HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED?
STATE BANK
AT 8 A.M. THE RED GUARDS SEIZED THE WARSAW STATION...
TAKE THE THINGS, MY MAN!
CARRY THEM YOURSELF!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
A REVOLUTION, MADAME.

AT 7 A.M. THE SOLDIERS OCCUPIED THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.
I'M NO MISS!
PLEASE CONNECT ME, MISS!
THE BOLSHEVIKS SUCCEEDED IN ORGANISING THE UPRISING DOWN TO THE LAST DETAIL AND, BY MORNING, THE CITY WAS IN THE HANDS OF THE INSURGENTS.
THE CRUISER AURORA SAILED UP TO THE WINTER PALACE, TO WITHIN CANNON RANGE.

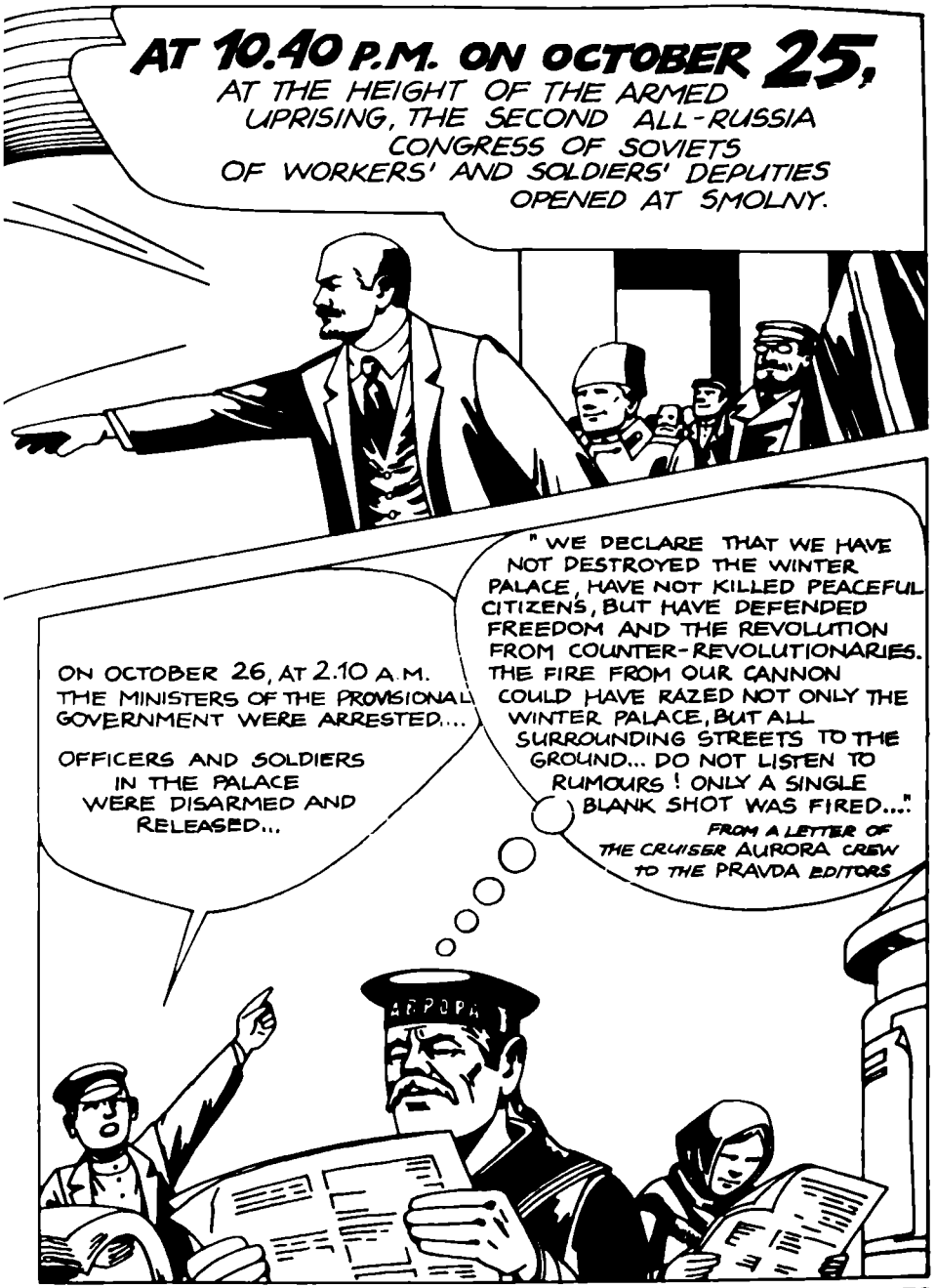

OUR GOVERNMENT WILL RECEIVE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT!
AND ANYONE WHO OPPOSES US MUST BE ELIMINATED IMMEDIATELY!
WHO ARE THESE BOLSHEVIKS? NOBODY WILL FOLLOW THEM!
EVERYBODY SAYS YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN DEPOSED. WHAT ARE YOU SITTING HERE FOR? YOU'D DO BETTER TO HAVE A CUP OF TEA AND HOP OFF HOME!
THEY'RE STILL SITTING AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED.
THEY SEEM NOT TO REALISE THEIR POWER IS OVER!


ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 25, THE REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY COMMITTEE PASSED AN APPEAL "TO THE CITIZENS OF RUSSIA!" WRITTEN BY LENIN.
TO THE CITIZENS OF RUSSIA!
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DEPOSED...
THE CAUSE FOR WHICH THE PEOPLE HAVE FOUGHT... THIS CAUSE HAS BEEN SECURED.
LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTION OF WORKERS, SOLDIERS AND PEASANTS!

THE LAST FEW HOURS BEFORE THE STORMING OF THE WINTER PALACE. THE AMERICAN JOURNALIST JOHN REED, WHO SAW IT HAPPEN, RECOUNTS...
THE WOMEN'S BATTALION HAS DECIDED TO REMAIN LOYAL TO THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.
LOCK YOURSELVES IN, MISSES. IF ANYTHING HAPPE YOU'LL BE SAFE.
WHY IS THE DOOR LOCKED?
TO KEEP THE SOLDIERS IN.
BOOM-MM!!
THAT'S A SHOT FROM AURORA, FIRED AT THE WINTER PALACE.

MAY I INTERVIEW THE PRIME MINISTER?
ALEXANDER FEDOROVICH KERENSKY IS EXTREMELY OCCUPIED JUST NOW. IN FACT, HE IS NOT HERE...
HE HAS GONE TO THE FRONT. AND YOU KNOW, THERE WASN'T ENOUGH GASOLINE FOR HIS AUTOMOBILE. WE HAD TO SEND TO THE ENGLISH HOSPITAL AND BORROW SOME.
WE'LL SAVE RUSSIA AND DEMOCRACY!
KERENSKY
I AM VERY ANXIOUS TO GO AWAY FROM RUSSIA. I HAVE MADE UP MY MIND TO JOIN THE AMERICAN ARMY. WILL YOU PLEASE GO TO YOUR CONSUL AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS?
THE PALACE IS STILL STANDING. THEY MUST HAVE MISSED!
EVEN BLANKS WOULD DO TO OVERTHROW YOUR GOVERNMENT!

POWER IS IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE
THE WORKERS' AND PEASANTS' REVOLUTION,
ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF WHICH THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE ALWAYS SPOKEN,
HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.
YOU MEAN WE'VE WON?
NO. IT'S ONLY JUST BEGINNING. THERE'S STILL A GREAT DEAL TO DO. A TERRIBLE LOT!


AT 10.40 P.M. ON OCTOBER 25,
AT THE HEIGHT OF THE ARMED UPRISING, THE SECOND ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS OF SOVIETS OF WORKERS' AND SOLDIERS' DEPUTIES OPENED AT SMOLNY.
ON OCTOBER 26, AT 2.10 A.M. THE MINISTERS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WERE ARRESTED....
OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS IN THE PALACE WERE DISARMED AND RELEASED...
"WE DECLARE THAT WE HAVE NOT DESTROYED THE WINTER PALACE, HAVE NOT KILLED PEACEFUL CITIZENS, BUT HAVE DEFENDED FREEDOM AND THE REVOLUTION FROM COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES. THE FIRE FROM OUR CANNON COULD HAVE RAZED NOT ONLY THE WINTER PALACE, BUT ALL SURROUNDING STREETS TO THE GROUND... DO NOT LISTEN TO RUMOURS! ONLY A SINGLE BLANK SHOT WAS FIRED...".
FROM A LETTER OF THE CRUISER AURORA CREW TO THE PRAVDA EDITORS
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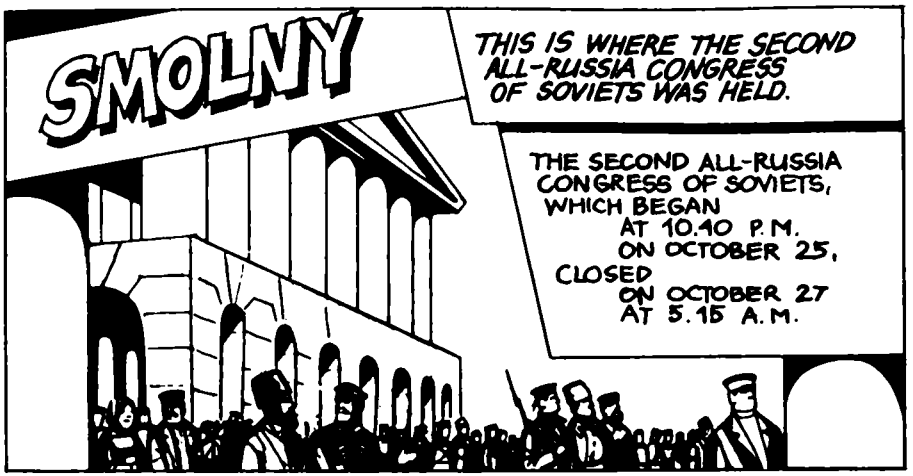
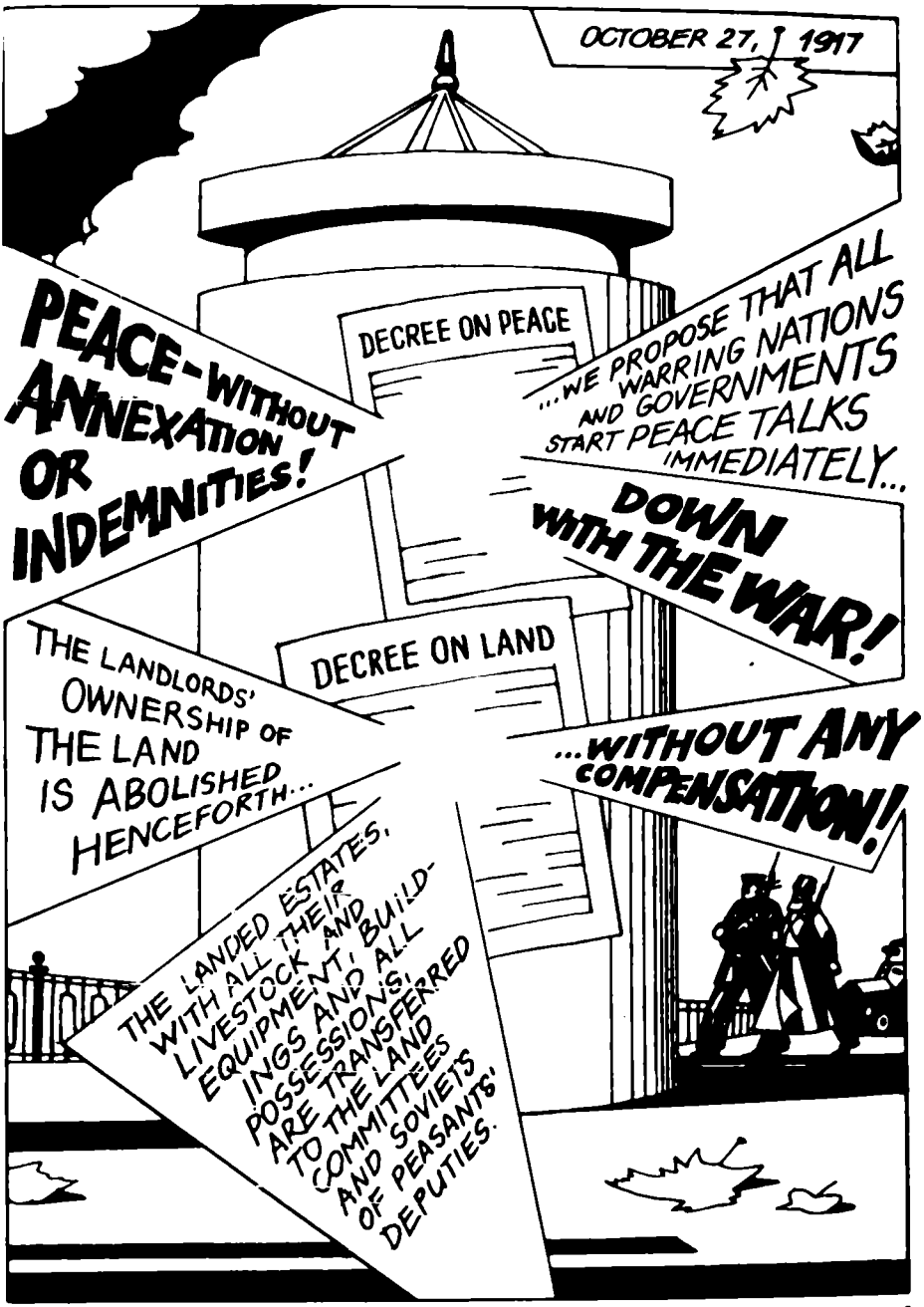
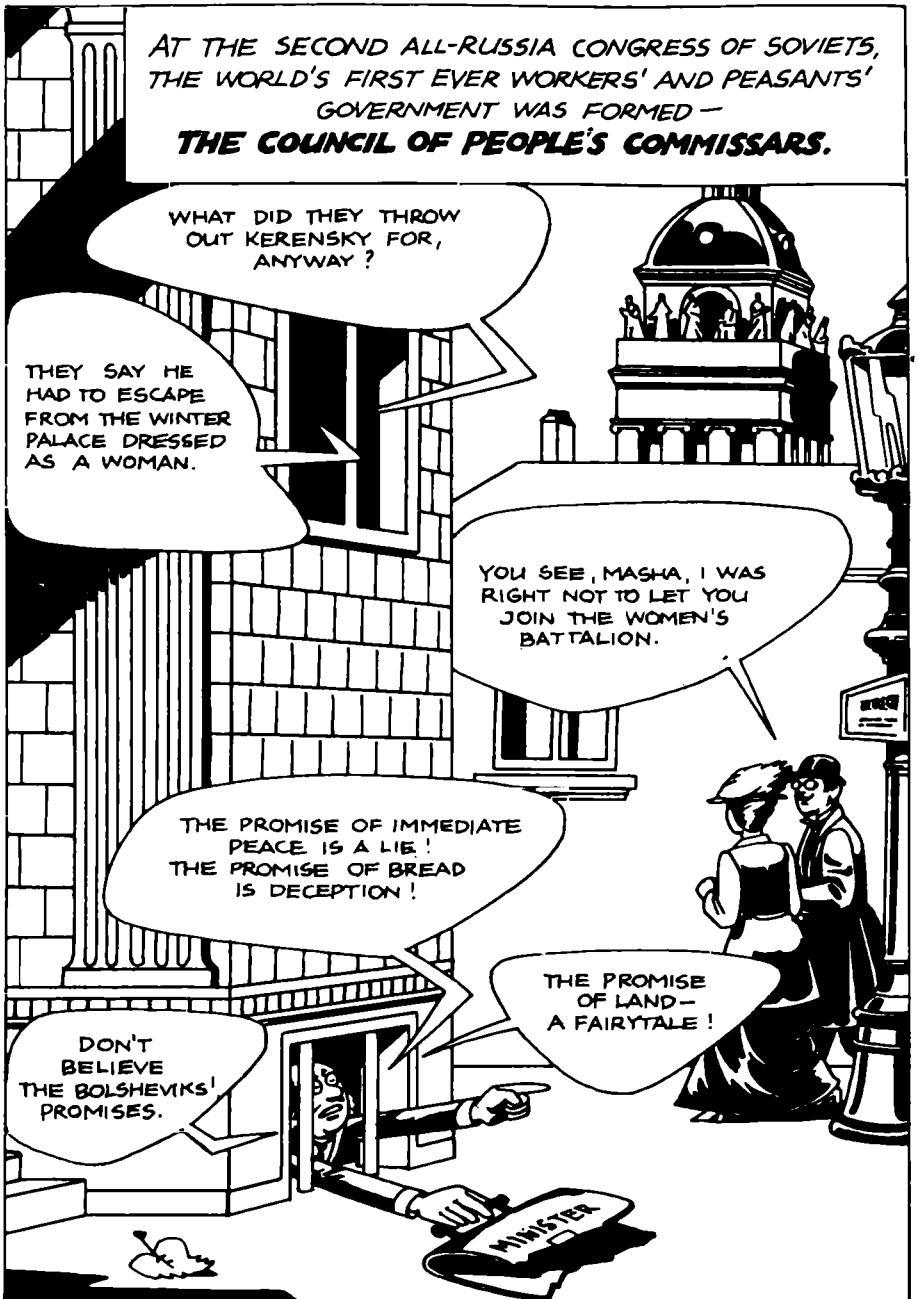
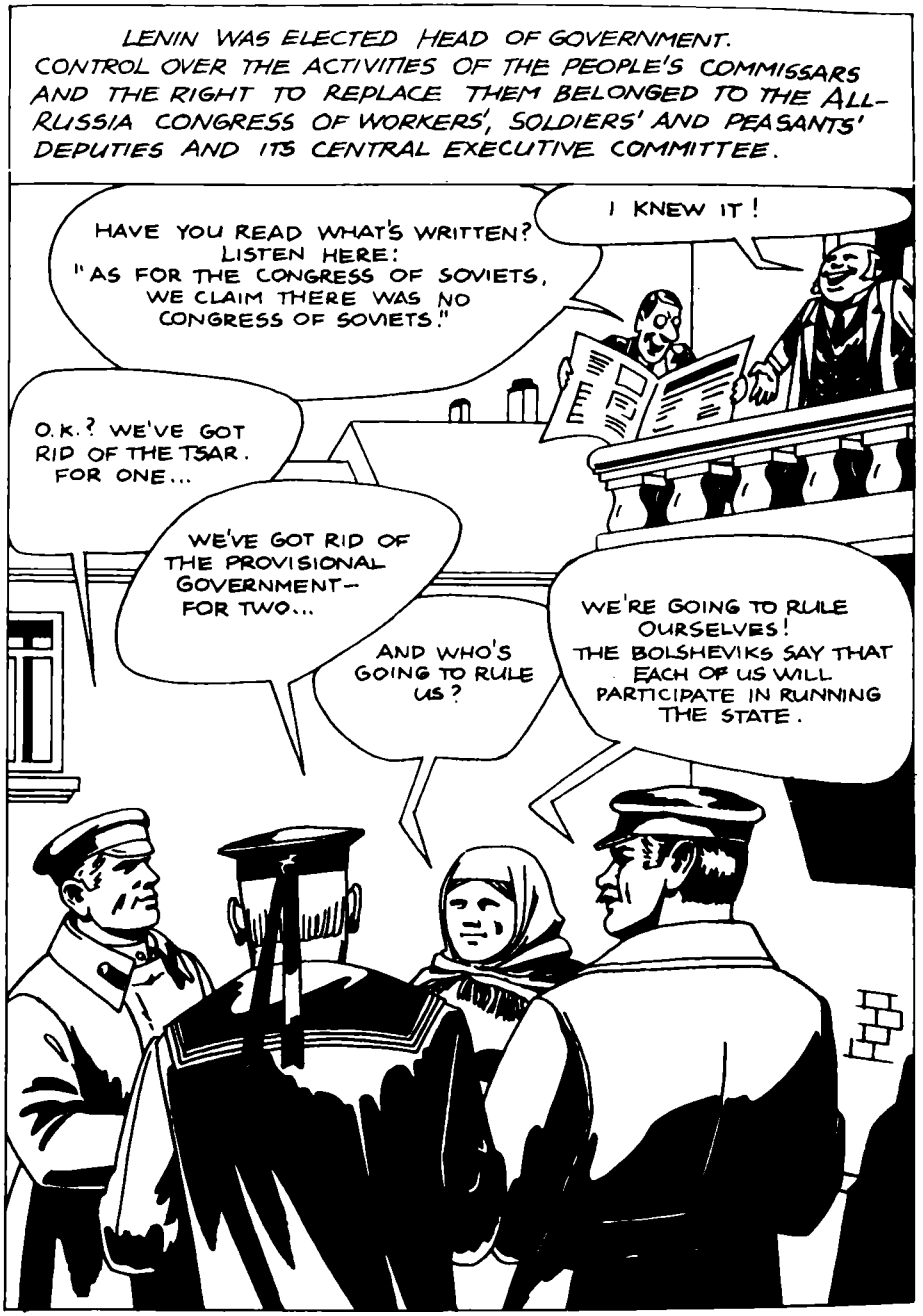

SMOLNY
THIS IS WHERE THE SECOND ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS OF SOVIETS WAS HELD.
THE SECOND ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS OF SOVIETS, WHICH BEGAN AT 10.40 P.M. ON OCTOBER 25, CLOSED ON OCTOBER 27 AT 5.15 A.M.

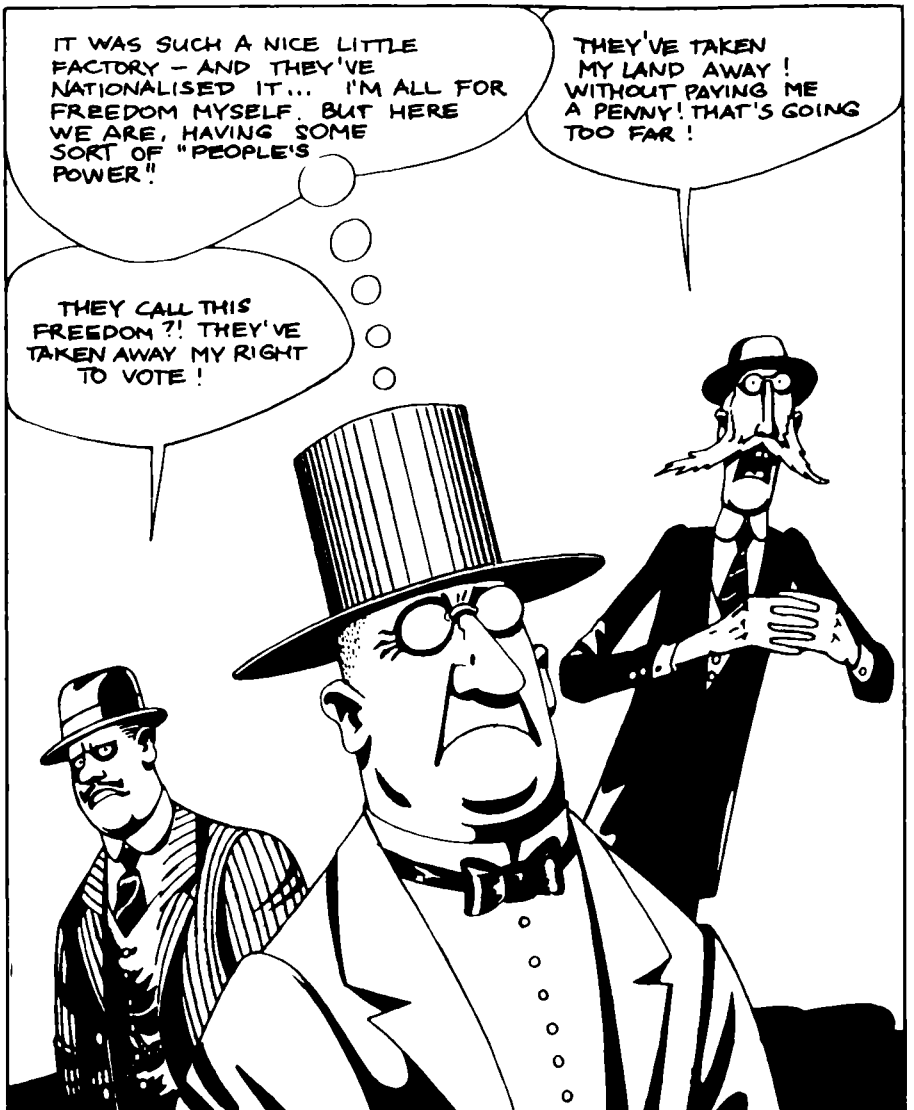
IN JUST OVER A DAY, THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA OBTAINED WHAT THEY HAD DREAMED ABOUT FOR CENTURIES, WHAT NEITHER THE TSAR, NOR THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, NOR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT COULD OR EVEN WANTED TO GIVE THEM — WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TRULY POPULAR WORKERS' AND PEASANTS' GOVERNMENT.

THIS WAS SHOWN BY THE FIRST LAWS PASSED UNDER SOVIET POWER


OCTOBER 27, 1917
DECREE ON PEACE
PEACE - WITHOUT ANNEXATION OR INDEMNITIES!
...WE PROPOSE THAT ALL WARRING NATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS START PEACE TALKS IMMEDIATELY...
DOWN WITH THE WAR!
DECREE ON LAND
THE LANDLORDS' OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND IS ABOLISHED HENCEFORTH...
...WITHOUT ANY COMPENSATION!
THE LANDED ESTATES, WITH ALL THEIR LIVESTOCK AND EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS AND ALL POSSESSIONS, ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE LAND COMMITTEES AND SOVIETS OF PEASANTS' DEPUTIES.

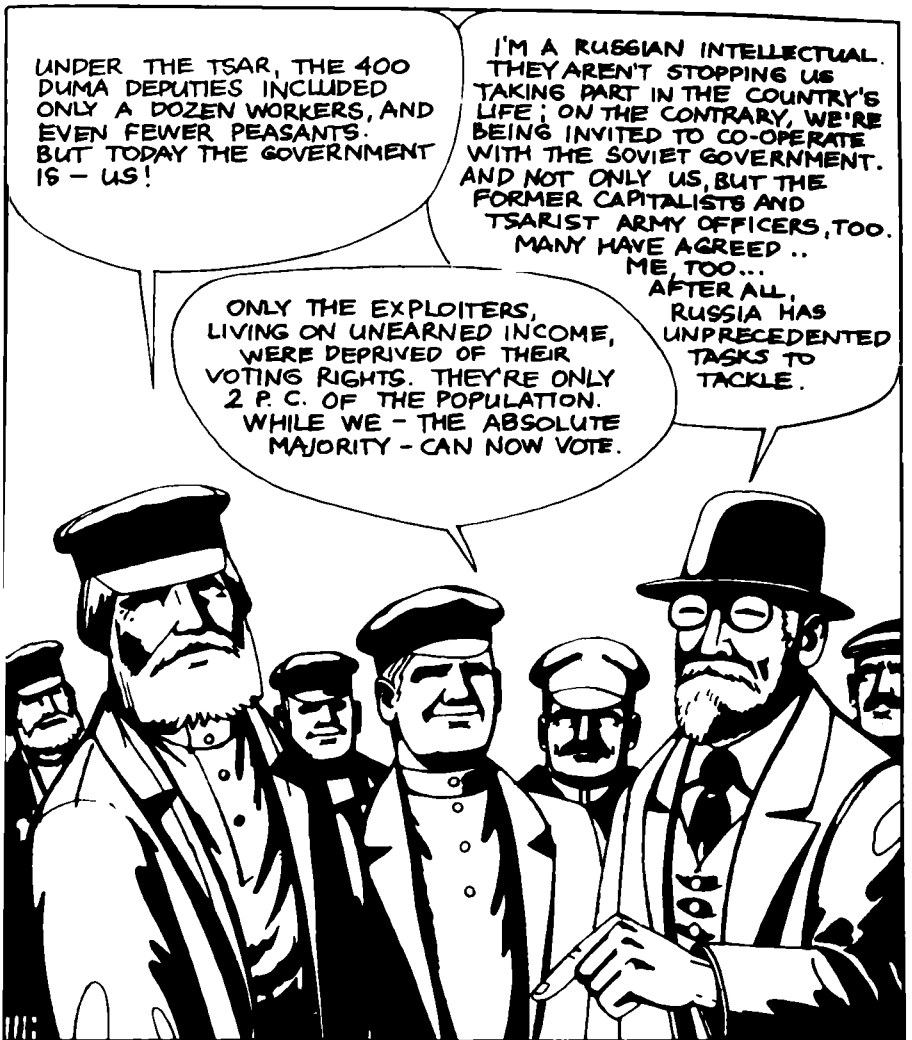

AT THE SECOND ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS OF SOVIETS, THE WORLD'S FIRST EVER WORKERS' AND PEASANTS' GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED —
THE COUNCIL OF PEOPLE'S COMMISSARS.
WHAT DID THEY THROW OUT KERENSKY FOR, ANYWAY ?
THEY SAY HE HAD TO ESCAPE FROM THE WINTER PALACE DRESSED AS A WOMAN.
YOU SEE, MASHA, I WAS RIGHT NOT TO LET YOU JOIN THE WOMEN'S BATTALION.
THE PROMISE OF IMMEDIATE PEACE IS A LIE ! THE PROMISE OF BREAD IS DECEPTION !
THE PROMISE OF LAND — A FAIRYTALE !
DON'T BELIEVE THE BOLSHEVIKS' PROMISES.
MINISTER


LENIN WAS ELECTED HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. CONTROL OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEOPLE'S COMMISSARS AND THE RIGHT TO REPLACE THEM BELONGED TO THE ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS OF WORKERS', SOLDIERS' AND PEASANTS' DEPUTIES AND ITS CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
I KNEW IT!
HAVE YOU READ WHAT'S WRITTEN? LISTEN HERE: "AS FOR THE CONGRESS OF SOVIETS, WE CLAIM THERE WAS NO CONGRESS OF SOVIETS."
O.K.? WE'VE GOT RID OF THE TSAR. FOR ONE...
WE'VE GOT RID OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT— FOR TWO...
AND WHO'S GOING TO RULE US?
WE'RE GOING TO RULE OURSELVES! THE BOLSHEVIKS SAY THAT EACH OF US WILL PARTICIPATE IN RUNNING THE STATE.


IT WAS SUCH A NICE LITTLE FACTORY – AND THEY'VE NATIONALISED IT... I'M ALL FOR FREEDOM MYSELF. BUT HERE WE ARE, HAVING SOME SORT OF "PEOPLE'S POWER"!
THEY'VE TAKEN MY LAND AWAY! WITHOUT PAYING ME A PENNY! THAT'S GOING TOO FAR!
THEY CALL THIS FREEDOM?! THEY'VE TAKEN AWAY MY RIGHT TO VOTE!

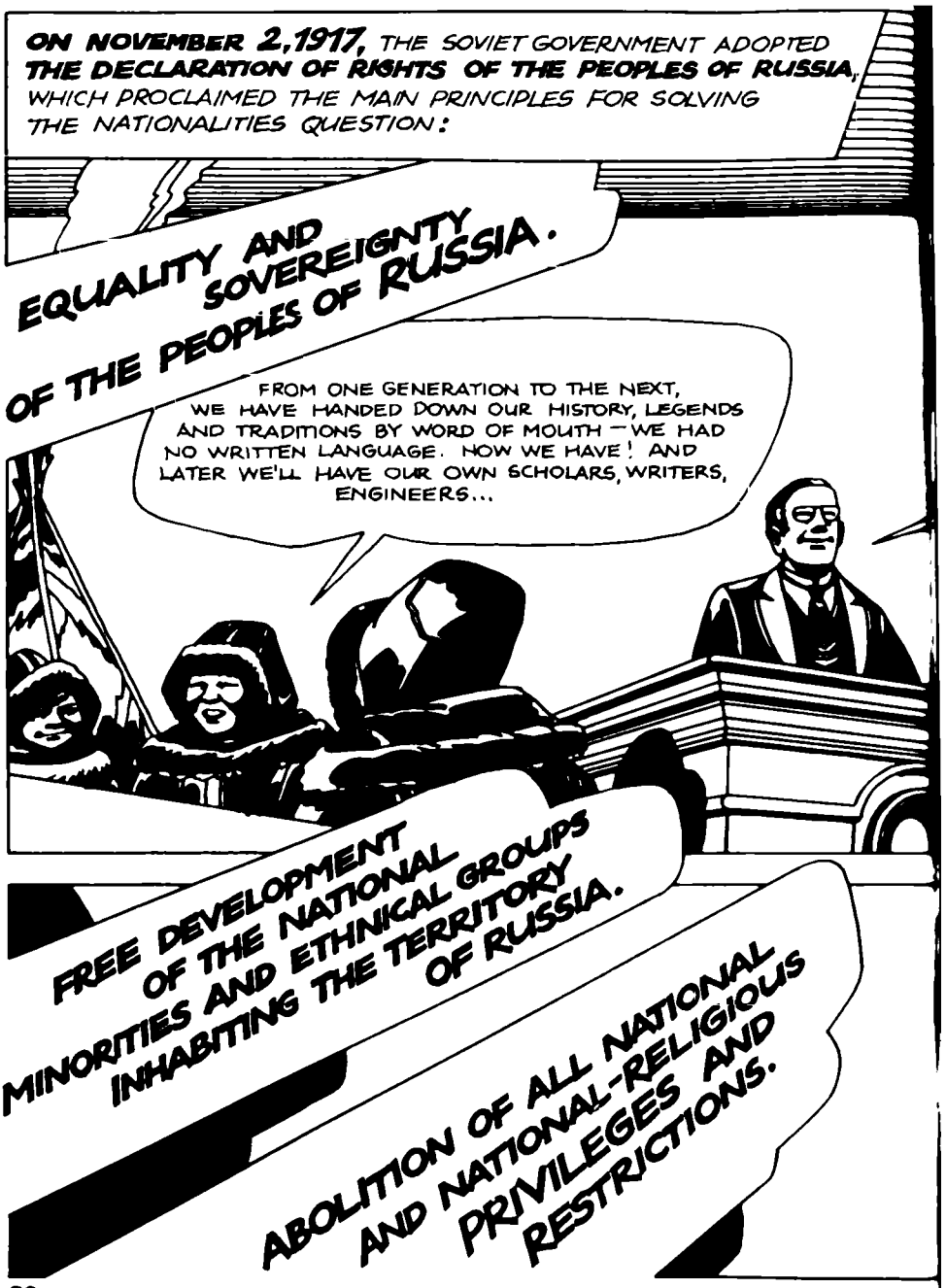
YES, IT REALLY WAS STATE POWER OF THE WORKING CLASS, WHICH, IN ALLIANCE WITH THE PEASANTRY, WAS CREATING A SOCIETY

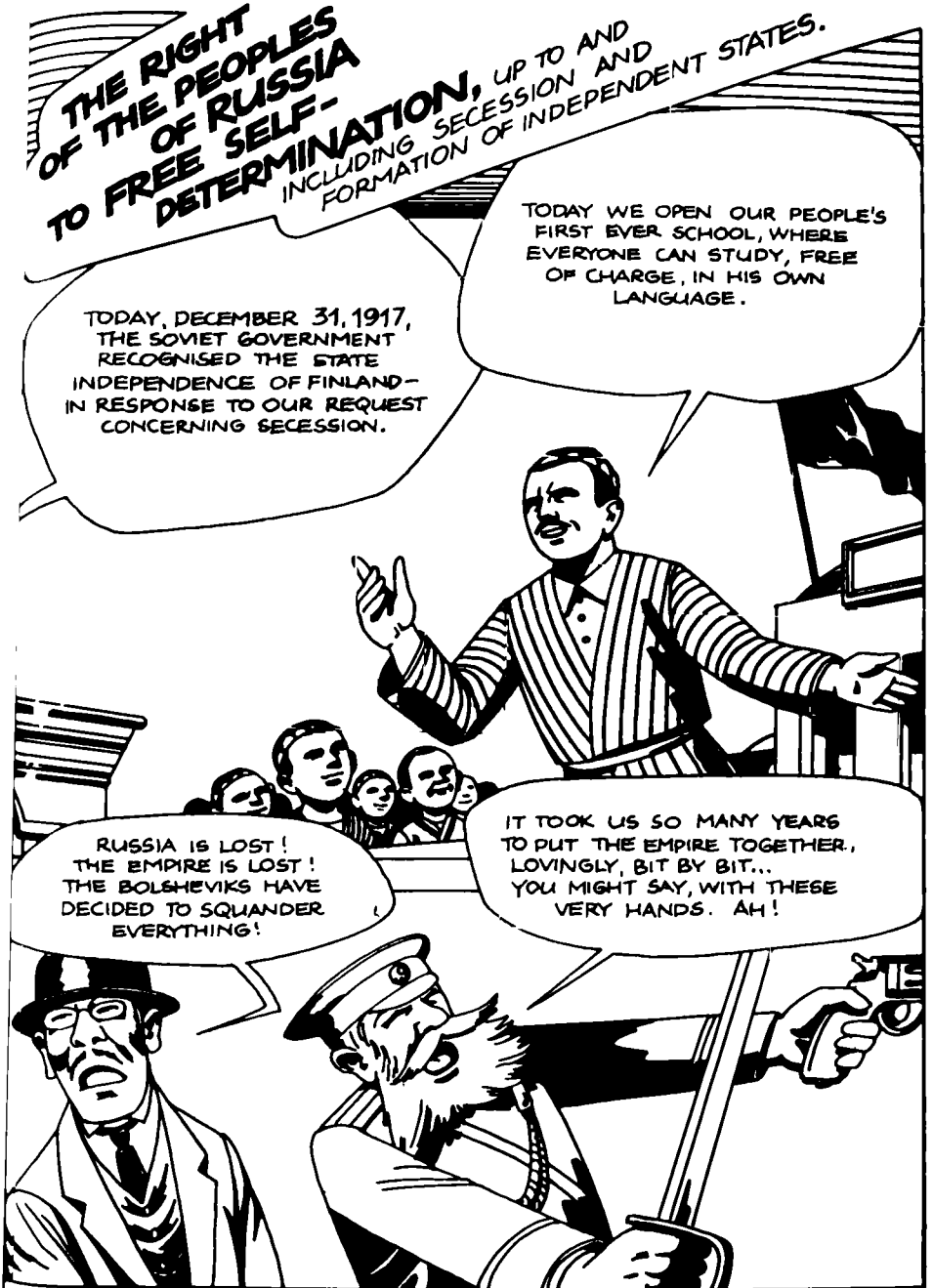
WITHOUT EXPLOITATION.


UNDER THE TSAR, THE 400 DUMA DEPUTIES INCLUDED ONLY A DOZEN WORKERS, AND EVEN FEWER PEASANTS. BUT TODAY THE GOVERNMENT IS – US!
I'M A RUSSIAN INTELLECTUAL. THEY AREN'T STOPPING US TAKING PART IN THE COUNTRY'S LIFE; ON THE CONTRARY, WE'RE BEING INVITED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. AND NOT ONLY US, BUT THE FORMER CAPITALISTS AND TSARIST ARMY OFFICERS, TOO. MANY HAVE AGREED .. ME, TOO... AFTER ALL, RUSSIA HAS UNPRECEDENTED TASKS TO TACKLE.
ONLY THE EXPLOITERS, LIVING ON UNEARNED INCOME, WERE DEPRIVED OF THEIR VOTING RIGHTS. THEY'RE ONLY 2 P. C. OF THE POPULATION. WHILE WE – THE ABSOLUTE MAJORITY – CAN NOW VOTE.

THE TASKS FACING PEOPLE'S POWER:

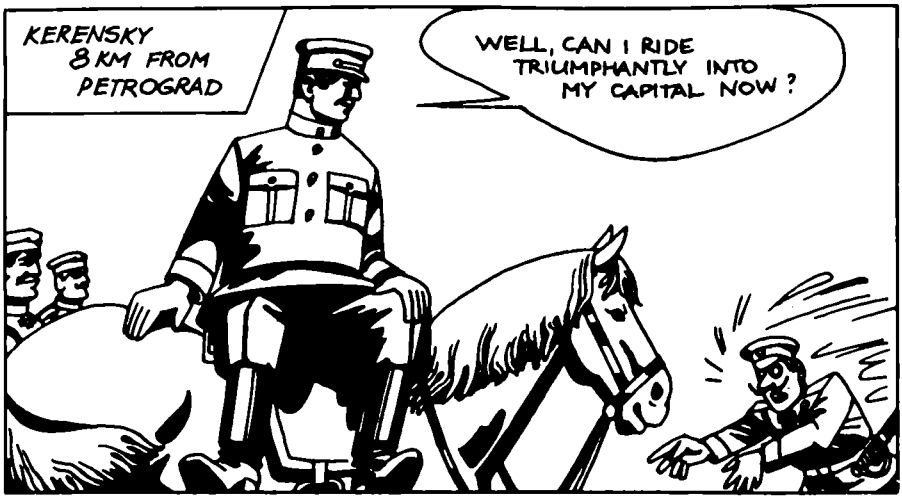
ELIMINATE ALL DIVISION OF SOCIETY INTO HOSTILE CLASSES,
DESTROY ANY GROUNDS FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN,
CREATE A NEW STATE MACHINERY,
CREATE A NEW SOCIALIST ECONOMY
AND EFFECT A CULTURAL REVOLUTION.


ON NOVEMBER 2,1917, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ADOPTED THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA, WHICH PROCLAIMED THE MAIN PRINCIPLES FOR SOLVING THE NATIONALITIES QUESTION:
EQUALITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA.
FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT, WE HAVE HANDED DOWN OUR HISTORY, LEGENDS AND TRADITIONS BY WORD OF MOUTH — WE HAD NO WRITTEN LANGUAGE. NOW WE HAVE! AND LATER WE'LL HAVE OUR OWN SCHOLARS, WRITERS, ENGINEERS...
FREE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL MINORITIES AND ETHNICAL GROUPS INHABITING THE TERRITORY OF RUSSIA.
ABOLITION OF ALL NATIONAL AND NATIONAL-RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES AND RESTRICTIONS.

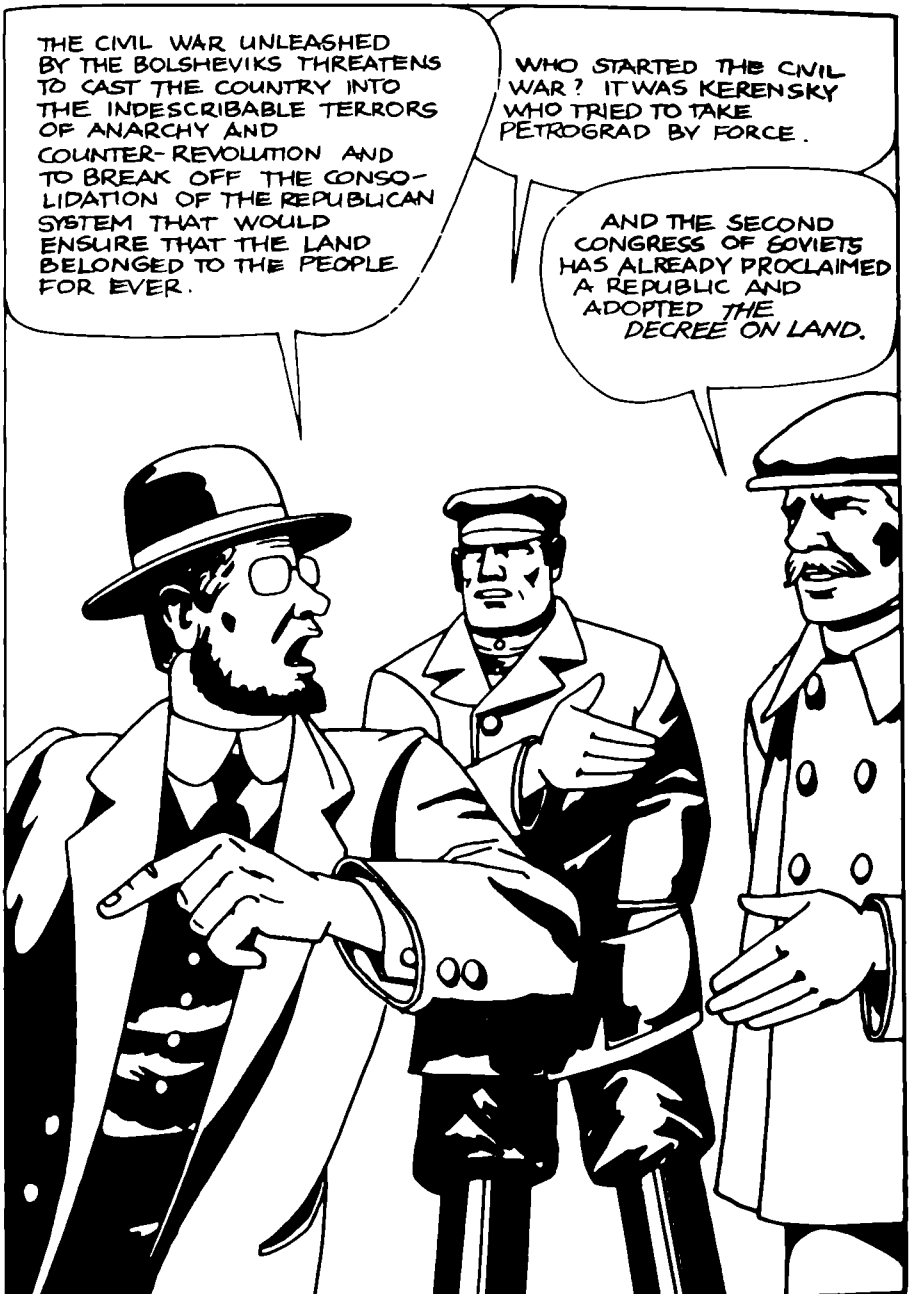

THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA TO FREE SELF-DETERMINATION, INCLUDING SECESSION AND FORMATION OF INDEPENDENT STATES.
TODAY, DECEMBER 31, 1917, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE STATE INDEPENDENCE OF FINLAND— IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST CONCERNING SECESSION.
TODAY WE OPEN OUR PEOPLE'S FIRST EVER SCHOOL, WHERE EVERYONE CAN STUDY, FREE OF CHARGE, IN HIS OWN LANGUAGE.
RUSSIA IS LOST! THE EMPIRE IS LOST! THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE DECIDED TO SQUANDER EVERYTHING!
IT TOOK US SO MANY YEARS TO PUT THE EMPIRE TOGETHER, LOVINGLY, BIT BY BIT... YOU MIGHT SAY, WITH THESE VERY HANDS. AH!

ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 25, THE SAME NIGHT THAT THE WINTER PALACE WAS TAKEN, THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SALVATION OF THE HOMELAND AND REVOLUTION WAS SET UP IN PETROGRAD.
WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS COMMITTEE? SUPPORT FOR THE NEW POWER, NO DOUBT?
WRONG! LOOK, THIS IS THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST DOCUMENT!
TO THE CITIZENS OF THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC
ON OCTOBER 25, THE BOLSHEVIKS, AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE, CRIMINALLY ARRESTED IN PETROGRAD PART OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, DISPERSED THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL OF THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC AND DECLARED THEIR OWN ILLEGAL POWER.
DO NOT RECOGNISE THE BOLSHEVIKS!
DO NOT FULFIL THEIR COMMANDS!
RISE TO PROTECT THE HOMELAND AND THE REVOLUTION!

THAT'S CUNNING! THEY ARE SUPPOSEDLY THE ONES FOR THE REVOLUTION!
SO FAR THEY ARE ONLY WRITING PAPERS, WHILE KERENSKY, THEY SAY, HAS ALREADY MOVED TROOPS ON PETROGRAD.
WHAT'S THE NEWS? WHERE'S KERENSKY?
THEY SAY HE'S ONLY 8 KM FROM PETROGRAD, THAT HE'S PROMISED TO RIDE INTO PETROGRAD ON A WHITE STALLION.
AND IS IT TRUE THAT ALL THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE FLED TO THE AURORA?

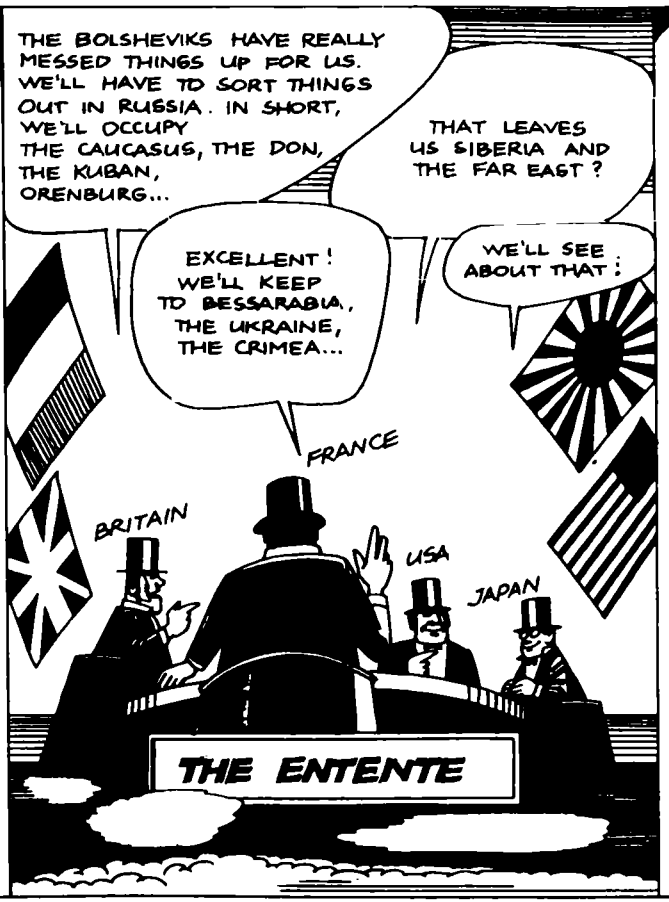


ON OCTOBER 30, TROOPS HEADED BY KERENSKY AND GENERAL KRASNOV BEGAN TO ADVANCE ON PETROGRAD, BUT AFTER MANY HOURS OF FIGHTING WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, WERE HALTED. THUS THE PETROGRAD PROLETARIAT REBUFFED THE FIRST COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ATTACK. ON NOVEMBER 1, THE MUTINY WAS PUT DOWN. KRASNOV AND HIS GENERAL STAFF ARRESTED, KERENSKY ESCAPED SECRETLY TO THE DON, IN ORDER TO GATHER NEW COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES.

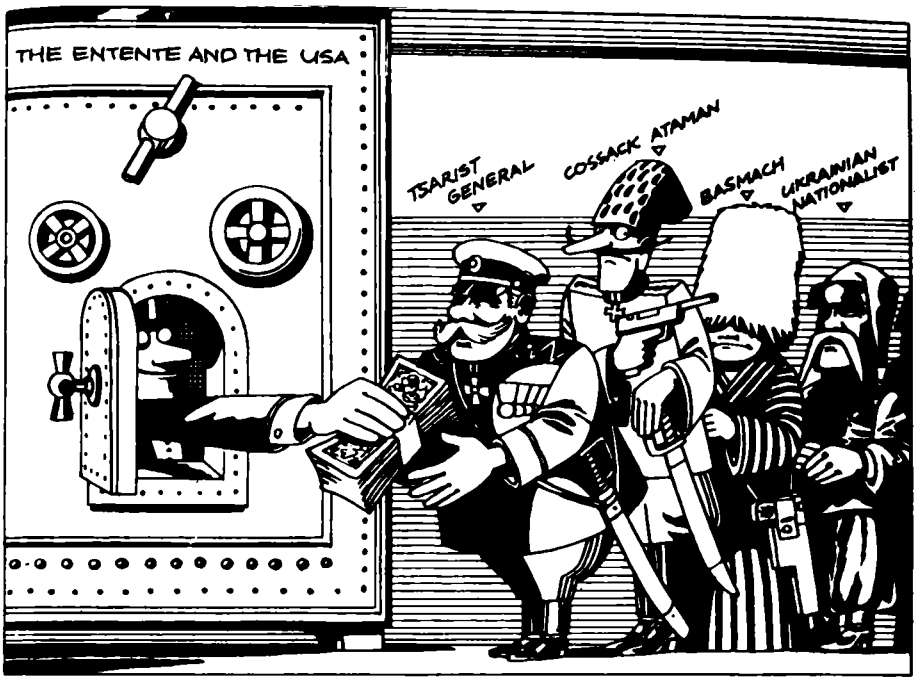

THE CIVIL WAR UNLEASHED BY THE BOLSHEVIKS THREATENS TO CAST THE COUNTRY INTO THE INDESCRIBABLE TERRORS OF ANARCHY AND COUNTER-REVOLUTION AND TO BREAK OFF THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE REPUBLICAN SYSTEM THAT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE LAND BELONGED TO THE PEOPLE FOR EVER.
WHO STARTED THE CIVIL WAR? IT WAS KERENSKY WHO TRIED TO TAKE PETROGRAD BY FORCE.
AND THE SECOND CONGRESS OF SOVIETS HAS ALREADY PROCLAIMED A REPUBLIC AND ADOPTED THE DECREE ON LAND.

THE NEW STATE HAD ONLY JUST BEEN BORN, BUT MANY, MANY ENEMIES, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO PLOT AGAINST IT.

ON DECEMBER 2, 1917, RUSSIA CONCLUDED A UNILATERAL ARMISTICE WITH GERMANY.

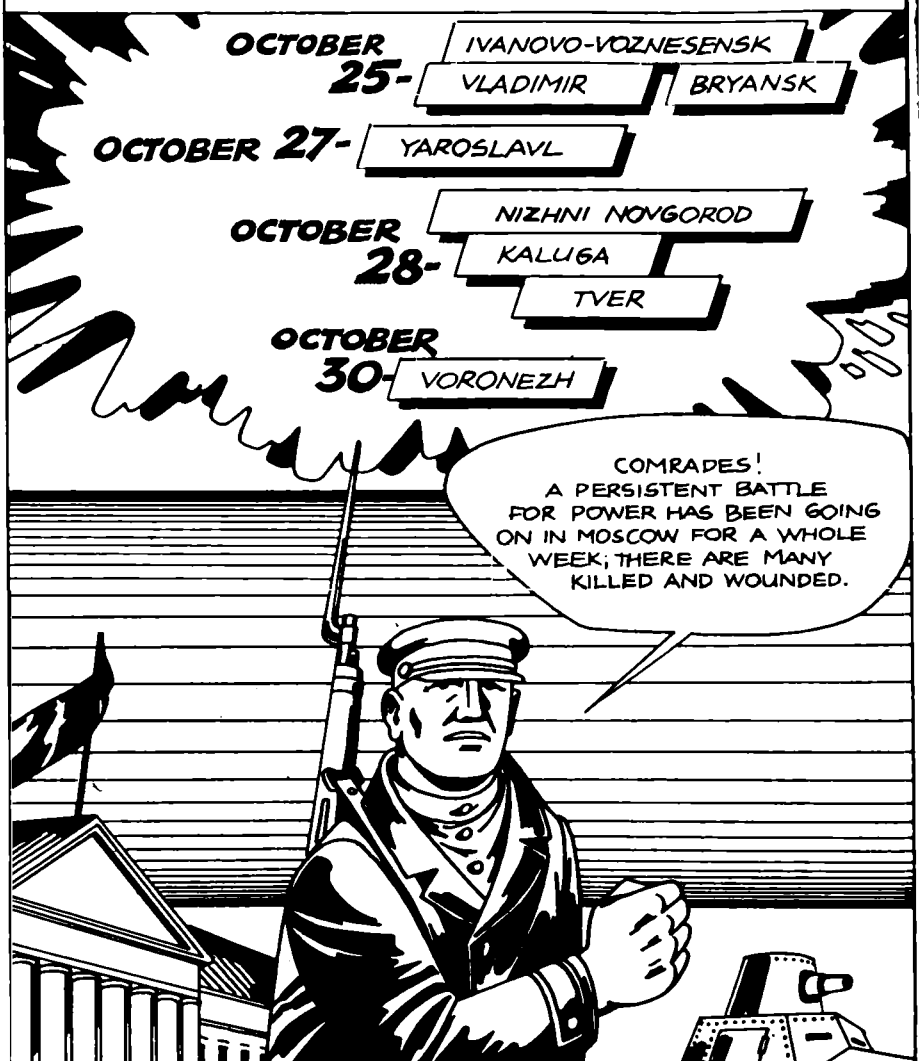

THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE REALLY MESSED THINGS UP FOR US. WE'LL HAVE TO SORT THINGS OUT IN RUSSIA. IN SHORT, WE'LL OCCUPY THE CAUCASUS, THE DON, THE KUBAN, ORENBURG...
THAT LEAVES US SIBERIA AND THE FAR EAST?
EXCELLENT! WE'LL KEEP TO BESSARABIA, THE UKRAINE, THE CRIMEA...
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!
FRANCE
BRITAIN
USA
JAPAN
THE ENTENTE

ON DECEMBER 10, 1917, BRITAIN AND FRANCE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON DIVIDING UP SPHERES OF MILITARY ACTION AGAINST RUSSIA. THE AGREEMENT ALSO TOOK ACCOUNT OF THE INTERESTS OF THE USA AND JAPAN. WORLD IMPERIALISM HAD INITIATED HOSTILE ACTIONS AGAINST SOVIET RUSSIA EVEN BEFORE THIS, HOWEVER.


THE ENTENTE AND THE USA
TSARIST GENERAL
COSSACK ATAMAN
BASHACH
UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST

NOT EVERYTHING IS LOST YET! OUR FRIENDS OVERSEAS WON'T LEAVE US IN DISTRESS!
THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVEN'T A CHANCE AGAINST THE ENTENTE! HAVE YOU HEARD, ON NOVEMBER 14, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND ITALY DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE TRANSCAUCASIAN NATIONALISTS.
ON DECEMBER 9, THE CONFERENCE OF THE ENTENTE IN PARIS RECOGNISED THE NEED TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH THE ANTI-BOLSHEVIK GOVERNMENTS OF THE UKRAINE, THE CAUCASUS AND SIBERIA AND TO GRANT THEM CREDIT.

DESPITE THE RUSSIAN BOURGEOISIE'S HOPES, THE PLOTS OF WORLD IMPERIALISM, THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MUTINIES, ALL THE EFFORTS OF THE ENEMIES OF THE REVOLUTION, SOVIET POWER BEGAN ITS TRIUMPHAL MARCH THROUGH THE COUNTRY. SOVIET POWER WAS ESTABLISHED WITH COMPARATIVE EASE IN THE INDUSTRIAL REGIONS, WHERE THE BOLSHEVIK ORGANISATIONS WERE STRONG AND THERE WAS A LARGE WORKING CLASS. RUSSIA DID NOT, HOWEVER, BECOME SOVIET SO SIMPLY AND BLOODLESSLY.



MOSCOW. BATTLE NEAR THE KREMLIN
CAN WE HOLD OUT JUST A BIT LONGER, CHAPS ? RED GUARDS FROM PETROGRAD, SHUYA, PODOLSK AND SAILORS OF THE BALTIC FLEET ARE RUSHING TO OUR AID !
WE'LL CRUSH THE BOLSHEVIKS AND SET UP A NATIONAL CENTRE OF STRUGGLE IN MOSCOW AGAINST SOVIET POWER.

FROM OCTOBER 25 TO NOVEMBER 2, BATTLES FOR SOVIET POWER RAGED IN MOSCOW. THE PROLETARIAT'S VICTORY WAS WON AT THE PRICE OF GREAT LOSSES. DURING THE UPRISING ABOUT A THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

IN LATE OCTOBER AND EARLY NOVEMBER 1917, THE SOVIETS SEIZED POWER OVER HALF THE TERRITORY OF THE BALTIC STATES.

DURING THE DAYS OF THE OCTOBER UPRISING IN PETROGRAD, THE ESTONIAN BOLSHEVIKS TOOK CONTROL OF ALL THE STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT POINTS AND PREVENTED THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY UNITS FROM MOVING AGAINST INSURGENT PETROGRAD.

LATVIA
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT ARE THEY SENDING THESE SOLDIERS TO PETROGRAD FOR?
THEY ARE OUR LETTISH RIFLES. ABOUT 40,000 OF THEM HAVE GONE OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE REVOLUTION. SOME OF THEM ARE LEAVING TO DEFEND PETROGRAD.
BON VOYAGE TO PETROGRAD!

THE LETTISH RIFLE DIVISION WAS PARTICULARLY COURAGEOUS ON THE RUSSO-GERMAN FRONT.
DURING THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION, THE LETTISH RIFLES WERE AMONG THE STAUNCHEST UNITS FIGHTING TO ESTABLISH SOVIET POWER.
MANY TOP SOVIET MILITARY LEADERS CAME FROM THEIR RANKS.

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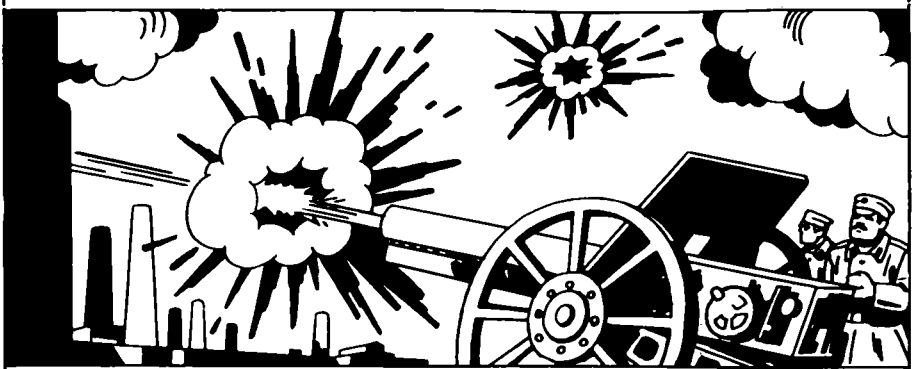
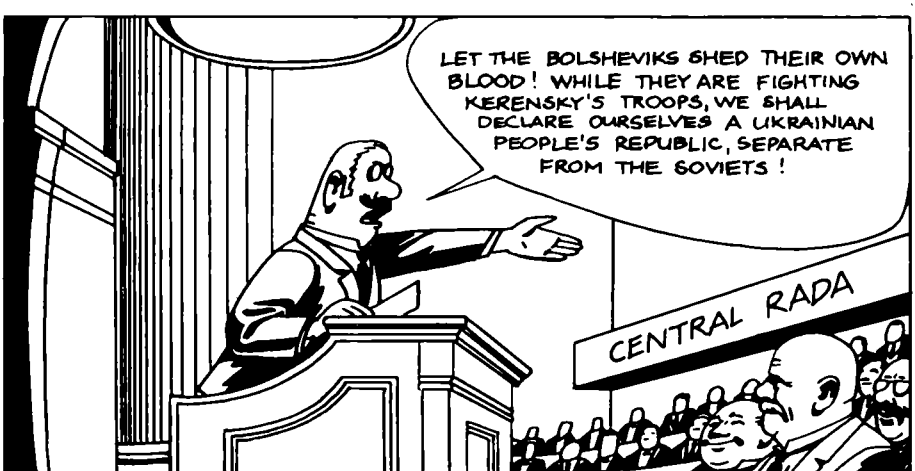
THE CENTRE OF THE ARMED UPRISING IN KIEV WAS THE ARSENAL PLANT. ON OCTOBER 29, THE WORKERS REBUFFED SEVERAL ATTACKS BY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY UNITS.



THERE WERE STOCKS OF ARMS THERE THAT THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT'S TROOPS WANTED TO SEIZE FROM THE WORKERS. FIERCE BATTLES RAGED IN KIEV FOR THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS. WHEN, HOWEVER, THE INSURGENTS WON THEIR FINAL VICTORY, A TOTALLY DIFFERENT FORCE SEIZED POWER IN THE CITY.


LET THE BOLSHEVIKS SHED THEIR OWN BLOOD! WHILE THEY ARE FIGHTING KERENSKY'S TROOPS, WE SHALL DECLARE OURSELVES A UKRAINIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, SEPARATE FROM THE SOVIETS!
CENTRAL RADA

THE UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTIC BOURGEOISIE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE VICTORY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND SOLDIERS. ON NOVEMBER 7, THE SO-CALLED CENTRAL RADA USURPED POWER IN THE CITY WITH THE HELP OF TROOPS INFLUENCED BY THE NATIONALISTS. THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND SOLDIERS SUFFERED ENORMOUS LOSSES IN ESTABLISHING SOVIET POWER IN KIEV AND THROUGHOUT THE UKRAINE IN THE COURSE OF THREE MONTHS.

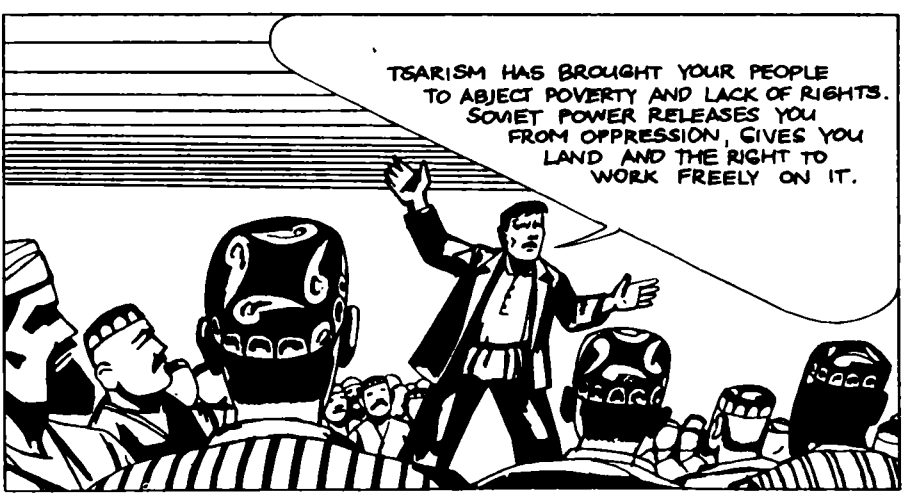
THE BOURGEOISIE IS TRYING TO USE THE MOMENT IN ORDER TO SEIZE POWER NOT ONLY IN THE UKRAINE. IT'S DIFFICULT NOW EVEN TO COUNT THE NUMBER OF SELF-STYLED GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE APPEARED IN RUSSIA...

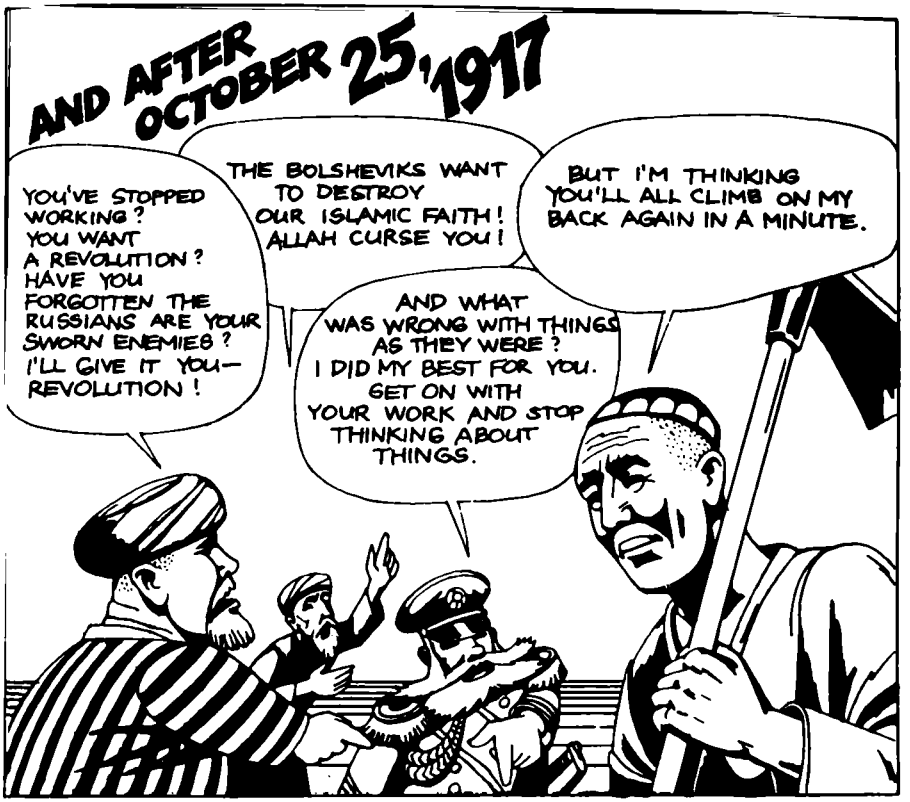
THEY WERE VERY DIFFERENT, BUT HAD ONE THING IN COMMON: THE MOST VIOLENT HATRED OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD RISEN UP AGAINST EXPLOITATION AND OF SOVIET POWER.

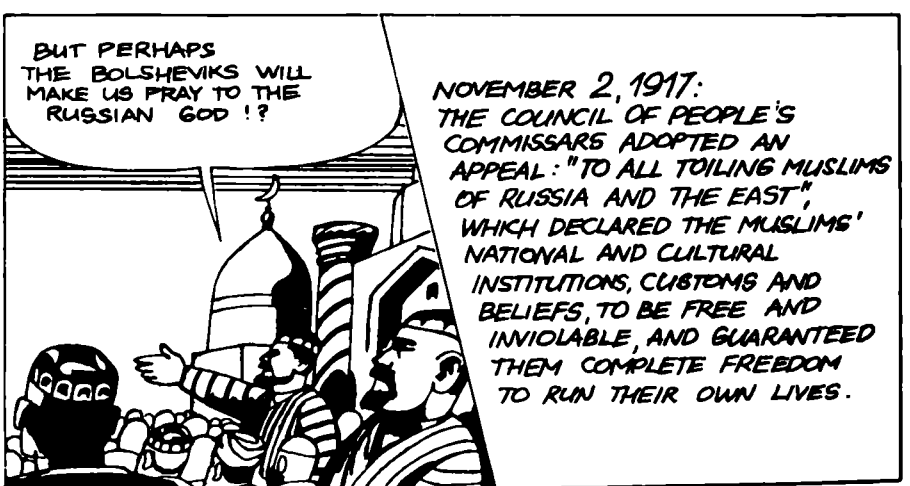
WHO'S AGAINST THE SIBERIAN REGIONAL DUMA?!
ALL POWER TO THE KUBAN RADA!
HURRAH FOR THE TEREK-DAGHESTAN GOVERNMENT!
LONG LIVE THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF THE DON!

SOVIET POWER WAS ESTABLISHED IN A STRUGGLE BETWEEN TWO CLASSES: THE PROLETARIAT AND THE BOURGEOISIE. AT THAT TIME, HOWEVER, THERE WERE CONSIDERABLE TERRITORIES IN VAST RUSSIA WHERE PATRIARCHAL-FEUDAL RELATIONS DOMINATED AND INDUSTRY WAS ONLY IN ITS INFANCY: CENTRAL ASIA, KAZAKHSTAN. HOW DID THE REVOLUTION PROCEED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF RUSSIA?

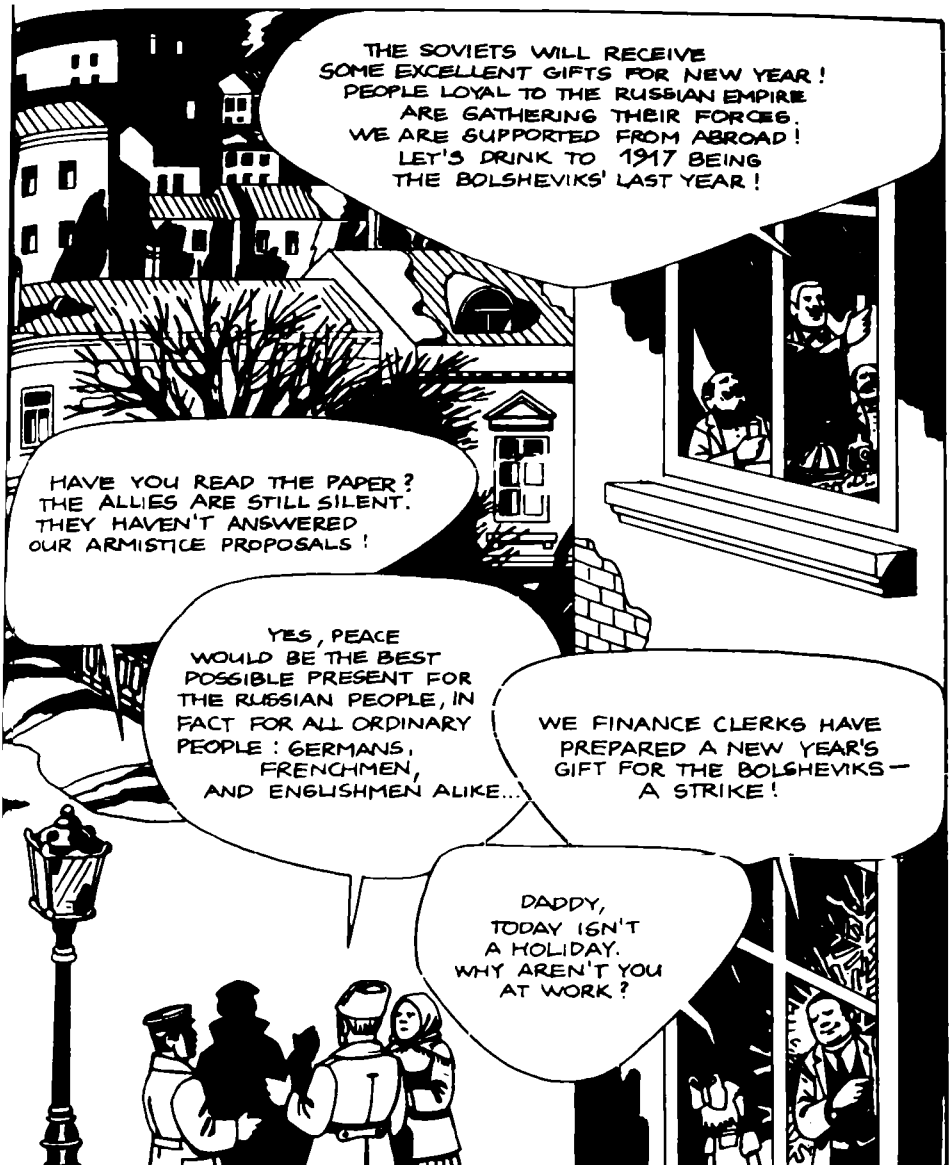
UNTIL OCTOBER 25, 1917
RELIGIOUS MULLAH
FEUDAL BEY
RUSSIAN GOVERNOR
ALMOST 100 P.C. OF THE POPULATION OF TAJIKISTAN AND TURKMENIA WERE ILLITERATE.
OUT OF EVERY HUNDRED KAZAKHS, ONLY TWO COULD READ AND WRITE.
THE KIRGHIZIANS HAD NO WRITTEN LANGUAGE AT ALL.


TSARISM HAS BROUGHT YOUR PEOPLE TO ABJECT POVERTY AND LACK OF RIGHTS. SOVIET POWER RELEASES YOU FROM OPPRESSION, GIVES YOU LAND AND THE RIGHT TO WORK FREELY ON IT.


AND AFTER OCTOBER 25, 1917
YOU'VE STOPPED WORKING? YOU WANT A REVOLUTION? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE RUSSIANS ARE YOUR SWORN ENEMIES? I'LL GIVE IT YOU— REVOLUTION!
THE BOLSHEVIKS WANT TO DESTROY OUR ISLAMIC FAITH! ALLAH CURSE YOU!
AND WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THINGS AS THEY WERE? I DID MY BEST FOR YOU. GET ON WITH YOUR WORK AND STOP THINKING ABOUT THINGS.
BUT I'M THINKING YOU'LL ALL CLIMB ON MY BACK AGAIN IN A MINUTE.


BUT PERHAPS THE BOLSHEVIKS WILL MAKE US PRAY TO THE RUSSIAN GOD!?
NOVEMBER 2, 1917: THE COUNCIL OF PEOPLE'S COMMISSARS ADOPTED AN APPEAL: "TO ALL TOILING MUSLIMS OF RUSSIA AND THE EAST", WHICH DECLARED THE MUSLIMS' NATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, CUSTOMS AND BELIEFS, TO BE FREE AND INVIOLABLE, AND GUARANTEED THEM COMPLETE FREEDOM TO RUN THEIR OWN LIVES.

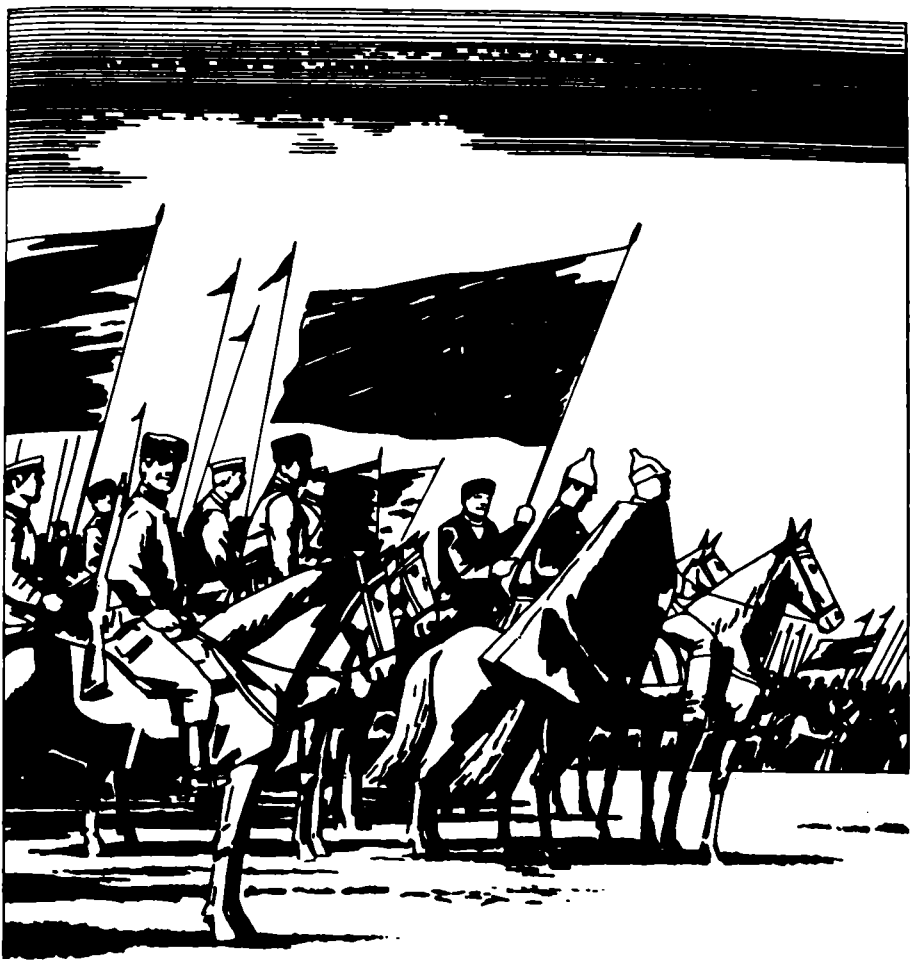
THE NEW YEAR OF THE NEW ERA WAS COMING,
THE FIRST YEAR IN RUSSIA AFTER THE REVOLUTION – 1918...
ONLY ENOUGH FUEL LEFT FOR A FEW DAYS, AND THEN THE PLANT WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN! BUT THEN A NEW YEAR'S GIFT FROM THE BALTIC FLEET ARRIVES – THREE THOUSAND TONS OF COAL FROM THE STOCKS OF THE WARSHIPS.
"CITIZENS! THE OLD OWNERS HAVE QUITTED. THEY HAVE LEFT AN ENORMOUS LEGACY BEHIND... DON'T TOUCH A SINGLE STONE, PROTECT THE MONUMENTS, BUILDINGS, WORKS OF ART, DOCUMENTS. ALL THIS IS YOUR HISTORY, YOUR PRIDE."
NOTHING BELONGS TO ANYBODY ANYMORE, ANYWAY. IT'LL DO BETTER AS A NEW YEAR'S PRESENT FOR MY WIFE.
NOT TO ANYBODY, BUT TO US! DIDN'T YOU READ THE LEAFLET?


THE SOVIETS WILL RECEIVE SOME EXCELLENT GIFTS FOR NEW YEAR! PEOPLE LOYAL TO THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE ARE GATHERING THEIR FORCES. WE ARE SUPPORTED FROM ABROAD! LET'S DRINK TO 1917 BEING THE BOLSHEVIKS' LAST YEAR!
HAVE YOU READ THE PAPER? THE ALLIES ARE STILL SILENT. THEY HAVEN'T ANSWERED OUR ARMISTICE PROPOSALS!
YES, PEACE WOULD BE THE BEST POSSIBLE PRESENT FOR THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE, IN FACT FOR ALL ORDINARY PEOPLE: GERMANS, FRENCHMEN, AND ENGLISHMEN ALIKE...
WE FINANCE CLERKS HAVE PREPARED A NEW YEAR'S GIFT FOR THE BOLSHEVIKS— A STRIKE!
DADDY, TODAY ISN'T A HOLIDAY. WHY AREN'T YOU AT WORK?

1918 WAS COMING, A YEAR OF HOPE AND ANXIETY...

No revolution is worth anything unless it can defend itself.

V. I. Lenin



THERE ARE NO BARE NECESSITIES,
NO BREAD, MATCHES OR EVEN SOAP...
THE NEW AUTHORITIES MUST SEE TO IT THAT THE POPULATION IS PROVIDED WITH SUPPLIES.
THERE'S NOTHING TO SOW, NO PLOUGH, NO LIVESTOCK...
THE FIRST YEAR OF SOVIET POWER...
HOW, THEN, CAN RUSSIA BE FED?!
HOW CAN PEOPLE BE TAUGHT A NEW LIFE IF THERE ARE MILLIONS OF ILLITERATES IN THE COUNTRY?
THE MAIN TASK NOW IS TO ELIMINATE ILLITERACY AND RAISE THE PEOPLE'S CULTURAL LEVEL

ONE IN FOUR FACTORIES IN PETROGRAD IS CLOSED. THERE'S NO RAW MATERIAL OR FUEL
THE MAIN THING NOW IS TO GET INDUSTRY ORGANISED.
WHERE TO BEGIN?
HOW CAN THEY TALK ABOUT STATE TASKS, IF THE QUESTION OF STATE MANAGEMENT HASN'T BEEN DECIDED YET ?
THE BOLSHEVIKS PROMISED TO CONVENE A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. WHY DON'T THEY ?

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE FOR? I'M FOR THE SRs. I'VE HEARD THEY INTEND TO GIVE US LAND.
AND I'M FOR THE BOLSHEVIKS! WHILE THE OTHERS ARE INTENDING, THE BOLSHEVIKS ARE ALREADY GIVING.
ELECTIONS TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

ACCORDING TO THE RETURNS, VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES OF RUSSIA WERE REPRESENTED IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. IN THE INDUSTRIAL CENTRES, THE BOLSHEVIKS WON DECISIVE VICTORIES IN THE ELECTIONS. THE MAIN MASS OF THE PROLETARIAT AND ALMOST HALF THE SOLDIERS SUPPORTED THE BOLSHEVIKS.

BUT WILL THE BOLSHEVIKS CONVENE THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY? AFTER ALL, THE POWER IS ALREADY IN THEIR HANDS, WHILE THERE YOU DON'T KNOW...
WE BOLSHEVIKS ARE GOING TO CONVENE THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO CONVINCE THE PEOPLE OF HOW COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY THE PETTY-BOURGEOIS PARTIES REALLY ARE.

ON JANUARY 5, 1918, IN PETROGRAD, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT CONVENED THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

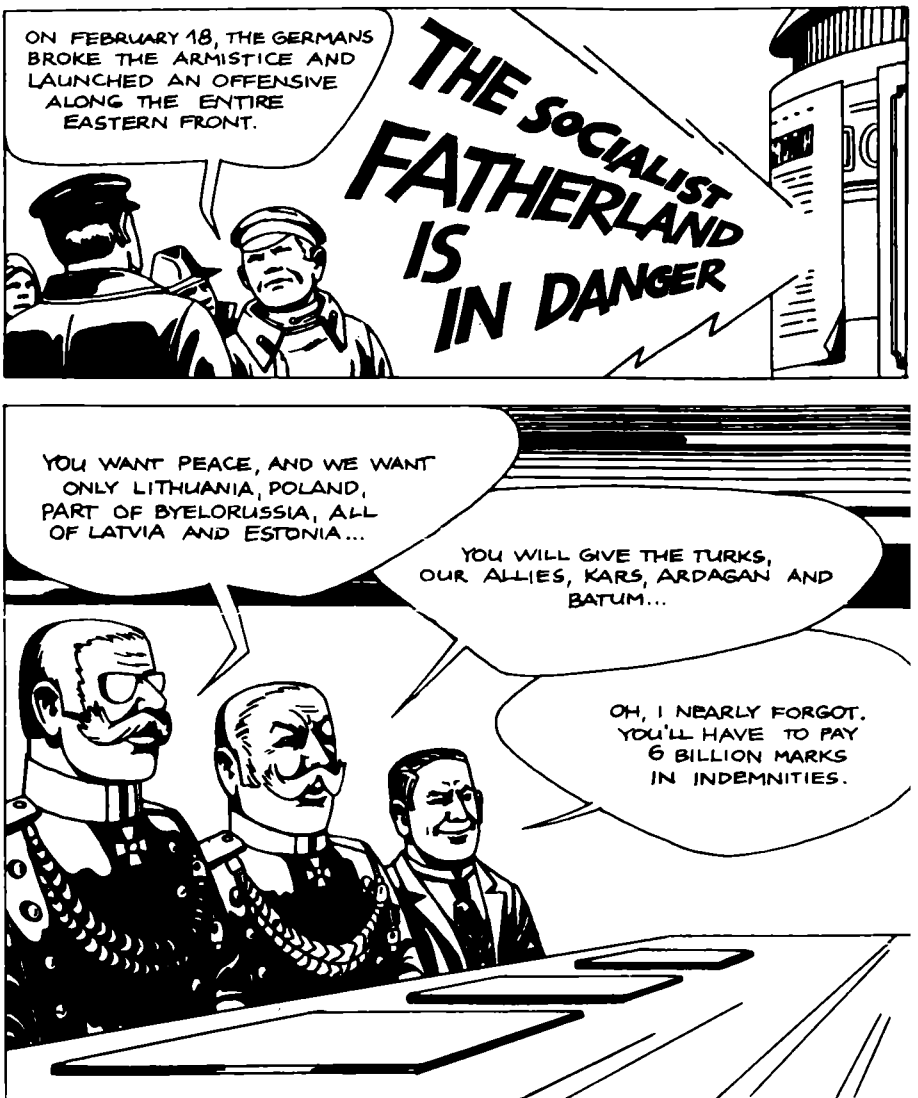
WE REFUSE TO RECOGNISE THE DECREES OF SOVIET POWER; NEITHER DO WE ACCEPT THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS OF THE WORKING AND EXPLOITED PEOPLE.
WHY BOTHER TALKING TO THEM? WHOM DO THEY REPRESENT ?
THEY THINK THE PEOPLE FOUGHT JUST TO GIVE THE POWER BACK TO THE BOURGEOISIE. NOT ON YOUR LIFE !

THE BOLSHEVIKS WALKED OUT OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, WHICH THEN BECAME POINTLESS. LENIN CALLED THE DEPUTIES TO THE ASSEMBLY PEOPLE FROM ANOTHER WORLD AND JANUARY 5 A WASTED DAY.

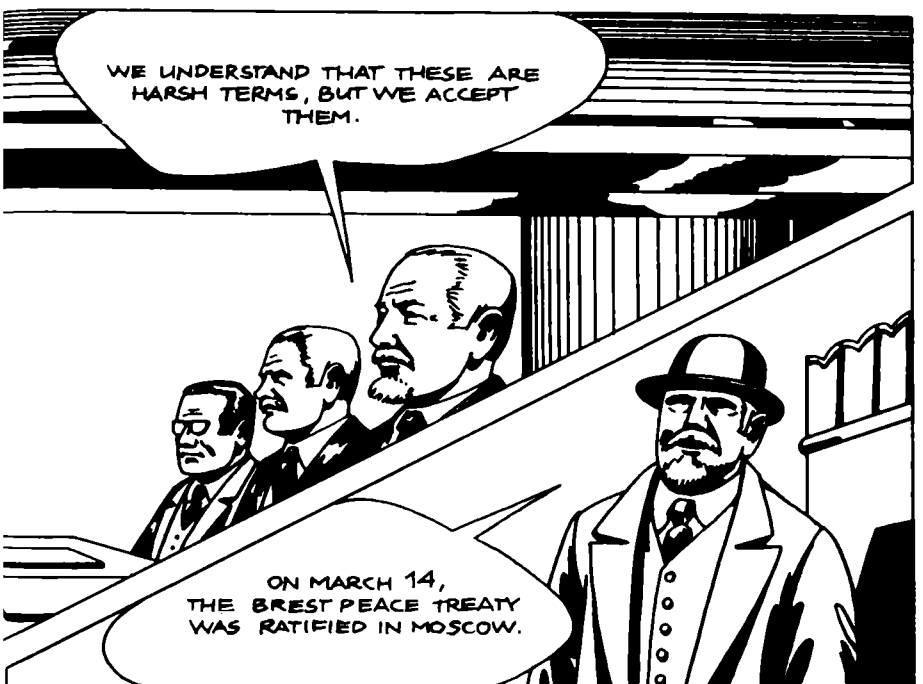
THE DECLARATION ADOPTED **ON JANUARY 10, 1918** AT THE THIRD ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS OF SOVIETS PROCLAIMED RUSSIA A REPUBLIC OF SOVIETS OF WORKERS', SOLDIERS' AND PEASANTS' DEPUTIES, AND HANDED ALL STATE POWER OVER TO THESE BODIES. THE DELEGATES TO THIS CONGRESS OUTNUMBERED THOSE OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TWO TO ONE.

WE NEED BREAD, FUEL...
TRANSPORT, TOOLS, SKILLED WORKERS...
BUT MOST OF ALL, THE COUNTRY NEEDS TIME. THE PEOPLE, EXHAUSTED BY THE WAR, ARE JUST DYING FOR A PEACEFUL INTERLUDE.
THE SOVIETS PROPOSED PEACE TO ALL THE WARRING STATES, BUT THE ENTENTE REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE. IN RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR PEACE WITHOUT ANNEXATION OR INDEMNITIES, THE GERMAN IMPERIALISTS PUT FORWARD PREDATORY DEMANDS.
HAVE YOU HEARD, THE SOVIETS ARE NEGOTIATING A PEACE WITH GERMANY AT BREST-LITOVSK ?
THE BOLSHEVIKS DID, IT'S TRUE, TALK TO THE ENTENTE ABOUT PEACE, BUT THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN.
HOW CAN THEY ! THAT'S BETRAYNG THE ALLIES !
GENTLEMEN, ENOUGH OF POLITICS! TEA ISN'T THE KAISER— IT'LL COOL DOWN SOON ENOUGH !

HERE YOU ARE - EDUCATED, YOU READ THE PAPERS. TELL ME WHEN MY SON'LL COME BACK FROM THE FRONT. WHY ARE THEY TAKING SO LONG ABOUT THIS PEACE ?
WE'LL NEVER AGREE TO PEACE WITH THE GERMANS ! THEY WANT HALF OF RUSSIA IN EXCHANGE !
STOP WAVING YOUR FISTS AROUND, FATHER ! HOW CAN WE GO ON FIGHTING NOW ? THE OLD ARMY IS COLLAPSING AND THERE'S NOTHING TO TAKE ITS PLACE YET. WE NEED A BREAK.
THE SOVIET STATE WAS FACED WITH THE QUESTION : EITHER TO CONCLUDE PEACE ON HARSH TERMS, BUT SAVE THE REPUBLIC, OR TO GO ON FIGHTING, THEREBY EXPOSING SOVIET POWER TO THE DANGER OF BEING OVERTHROWN.
EVERYONE WAS TALKING ABOUT PEACE : THE MAN IN THE STREET, THE WORKER, THE ENEMY...
RIGHT ! LET THE GERMANS DEAL WITH THE BOLSHEVIKS, AND THEN WE'LL SORT THINGS OUT !
WE MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT AN ARMISTICE !


ON FEBRUARY 18, THE GERMANS BROKE THE ARMISTICE AND LAUNCHED AN OFFENSIVE ALONG THE ENTIRE EASTERN FRONT.
THE SOCIALIST FATHERLAND IS IN DANGER
YOU WANT PEACE, AND WE WANT ONLY LITHUANIA, POLAND, PART OF BYELORUSSIA, ALL OF LATVIA AND ESTONIA...
YOU WILL GIVE THE TURKS, OUR ALLIES, KARS, ARDAGAN AND BATUM...
OH, I NEARLY FORGOT. YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY 6 BILLION MARKS IN INDEMNITIES.
ON MARCH 3, IN BREST-LITOVSK, THE SOVIET DELEGATION SIGNED THE PLUNDEROUS PEACE TREATY

THEY'VE ALREADY SEIZED LATVIA, ESTONIA AND BYELORUSSIA !
THE UKRAINE IS UNDER THE GERMANS. THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO PETROGRAD !



SINCE PETROGRAD WAS VIRTUALLY UNDER SEIGE, ON MARCH 11, 1918, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, HEADED BY LENIN, MOVED TO MOSCOW.

MOSCOW BECAME THE CAPITAL OF THE SOVIET STATE. LENIN WROTE AT THIS TIME: "THE PEACE TERMS ARE INTOLERABLY SEVERE. NEVERTHELESS HISTORY WILL COME INTO ITS OWN... THE FUTURE, IN SPITE OF ALL TRIALS, IS OURS."

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CHARITABLE
SOCIETY
WHAT SOCIETY IS THIS ?
SUPPOSEDLY A CHARITY, BUT ONLY OFFICERS SEEM TO BE GOING IN.

OUR CHARITABLE SOCIETY HELPS OFFICERS IN NEED. A PLATE OF SOUP, A PACKET OF CIGARETTES... SO DON'T WORRY YOURSELVES.

GENTLEMEN OFFICERS ! YOU'LL NOW GET MONEY AND WEAPONS AND BE SENT TO THE DON TO JOIN THE ARMY THAT'LL SAVE RUSSIA FROM THE BOLSHEVIKS

LET THE BOLSHEVIKS THINK THIS IS SOME SORT OF CHARITY.
IN FACT IT'S A REAL CALL-UP POINT, EVEN IF IT IS UNDERGROUND.
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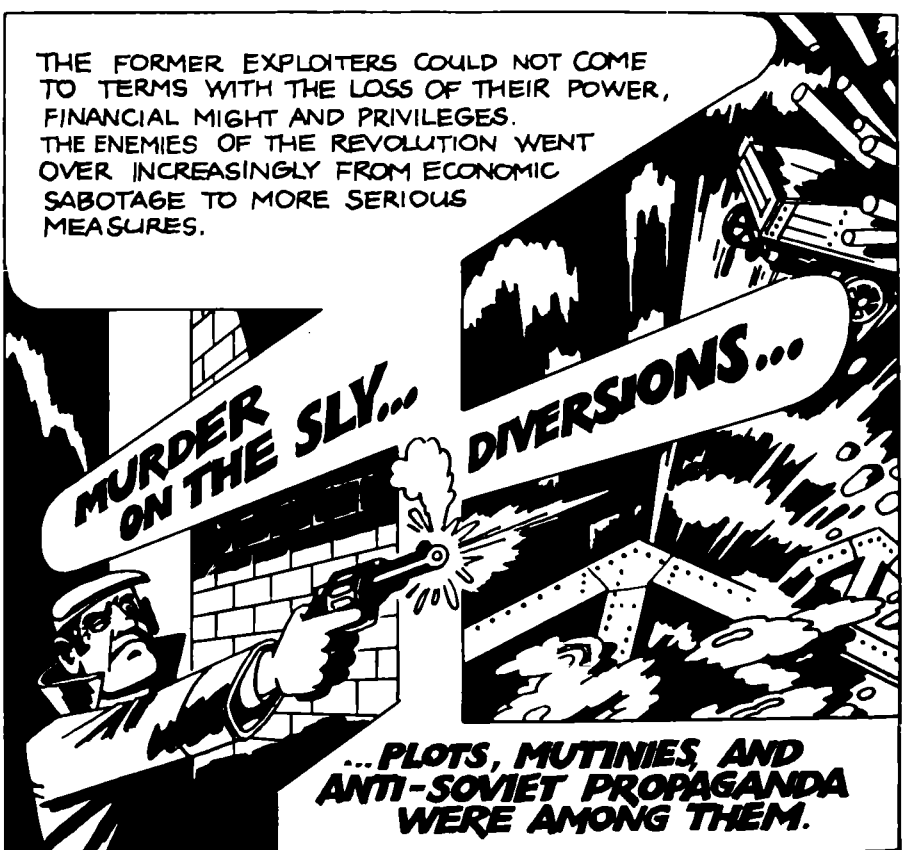
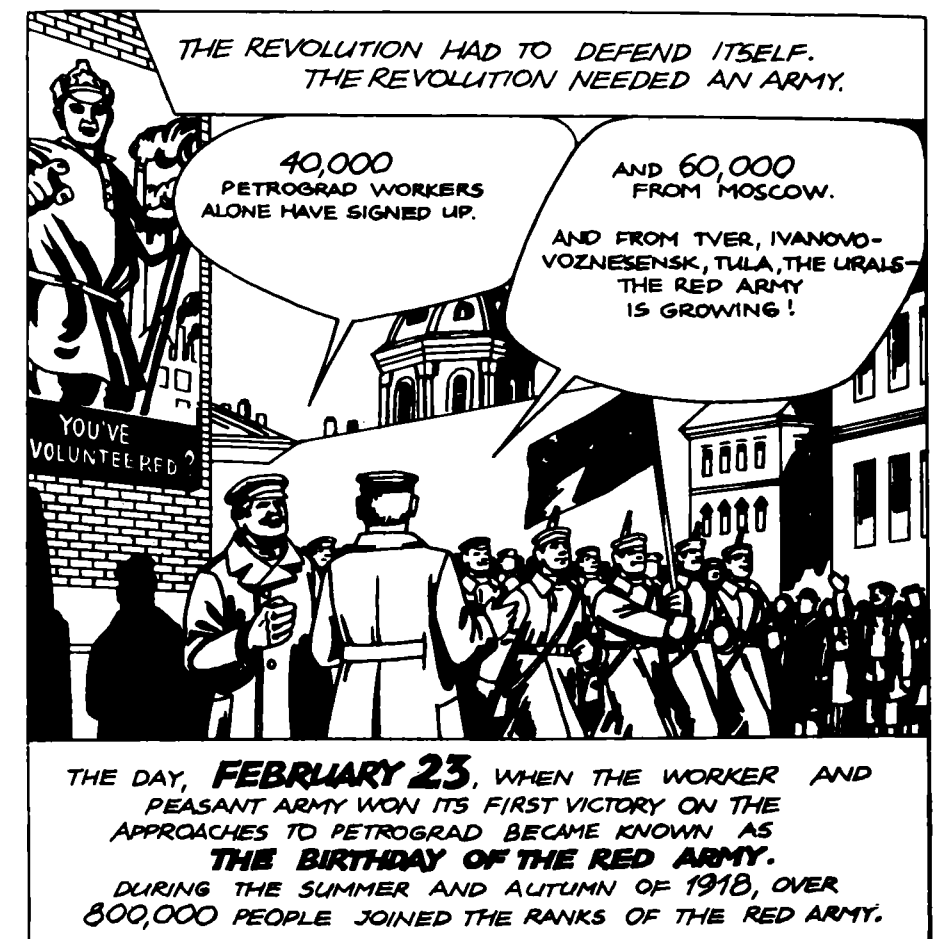

THE FORMER EXPLOITERS COULD NOT COME TO TERMS WITH THE LOSS OF THEIR POWER, FINANCIAL MIGHT AND PRIVILEGES. THE ENEMIES OF THE REVOLUTION WENT OVER INCREASINGLY FROM ECONOMIC SABOTAGE TO MORE SERIOUS MEASURES.
MURDER ON THE SLY...
DIVERSIONS...
...PLOTS, MUTINIES, AND ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA WERE AMONG THEM.

AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, BIG COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ARMIES WERE RAPIDLY BEING FORMED. THE MONARCHIST OFFICERS, CIVIL SERVANTS, BOURGEOISIE AND LANDOWNERS WHO HAD FLED TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE COUNTRY FROM THE CENTRE WERE JOINING UP WITH THE BOURGEOIS NATIONALISTS.
WE ARE THE TRUE DEFENDERS OF LAW AND ORDER.
JUST DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ENTENTE.
I HOPE YOU WON'T LET YOURSELF BE LED BY THE GERMANS.
OF COURSE, PLEASE DO NOT CONCERN YOURSELVES, GENTLEMEN...
GERMAN COALITION
THE ENTENTE
WORLD IMPERIALISM, IN LENIN'S WORDS, CAUSED A CIVIL WAR IN RUSSIA.
BRITAIN ALONE SPENT £ 89.7 MILLION ON ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES AT THAT TIME.

AND THE SYMBOL OF THE LAW IS THE COLOUR WHITE, IN CONTRAST TO RED — THE COLOUR OF REVOLUTION.
BUT WHERE WILL WE GET THE MONEY AND ARMS?
THE DON, THE KUBAN, THE SOUTH URALS, AND SIBERIA BECAME SUPPORT POINTS FOR THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION. ALL THESE FORCES TOGETHER MADE UP THE SO-CALLED WHITE MOVEMENT.


THE REVOLUTION HAD TO DEFEND ITSELF. THE REVOLUTION NEEDED AN ARMY.
40,000 PETROGRAD WORKERS ALONE HAVE SIGNED UP.
AND 60,000 FROM MOSCOW.
AND FROM TVER, IVANOVO-VOZNESENSK, TULA, THE URALS— THE RED ARMY IS GROWING!
YOU'VE VOLUNTEERED?
THE DAY, FEBRUARY 23, WHEN THE WORKER AND PEASANT ARMY WON ITS FIRST VICTORY ON THE APPROACHES TO PETROGRAD BECAME KNOWN AS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE RED ARMY.
DURING THE SUMMER AND AUTUMN OF 1918, OVER 800,000 PEOPLE JOINED THE RANKS OF THE RED ARMY.

ON JULY 10, 1918, THE FIFTH ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS OF SOVIETS OFFICIALLY FORMED THE SOCIALIST RED ARMY THAT WAS BEING BUILT UP.

COMRADE SOLDIERS! WE MAY STILL BE POORLY ARMED AND EQUIPPED. WE HAVE NO BRITISH TANKS OR GERMAN AIRCRAFT. WE HAVE ONLY ONE RIFLE BETWEEN SIX. BUT WE WILL CRUSH THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION, FOR WE ARE FIGHTING FOR THE WORKERS' AND PEASANTS' POWER.

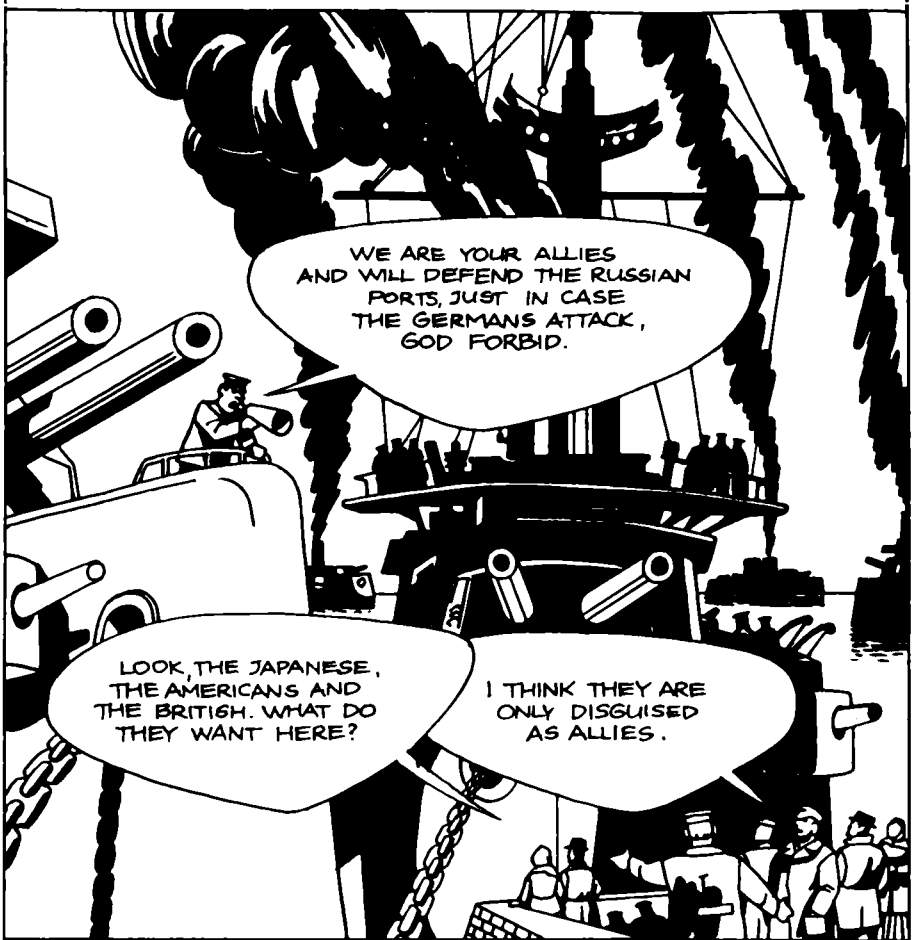
...IN YOUR HANDS THE RIFLE MEANS DEFENCE OF ALL THE TOILING PEOPLE, ALL THE OPPRESSED...
... TAKE CARE OF THE RIFLE ON RECONNAISSANCE...
... TAKE CARE OF THE RIFLE ON PATROL...
WHAT SORT OF SOLDIER ARE YOU WITHOUT EVEN A RIFLE? YOU'LL BE THE LAUGHING STOCK WHEN SUCH A COWARD RUNS OFF AND SPREADS ALARM AMONG THE OTHERS. AND IF YOU RETREAT WITH A WEAPON, CARRY IT FOR AS LONG AS THERE'S EVEN A SINGLE CARTRIDGE LEFT. BY DEFENDING YOURSELF, EVEN IN RETREAT, YOU WILL SAVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM POINTLESS DEATH...

(FROM A 1918 LEAFLET.)

COMRADE! TAKE CARE OF THE RIFLE...

THE SOVIETS HAVE THROWN ALL THEIR STRENGTH INTO BUILDING UP AN ARMY. THEY'VE NO TIME NOW TO BUILD THEIR SOCIALISM!
THAT'S NOT TRUE! THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF SOVIETS APPROVED THE FIRST SOVIET CONSTITUTION, WHICH LAID THE FOUNDATIONS FOR SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY.
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE CONGRESS OF SOVIETS
I VOTE FOR THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES GRANTED TO US TOILING PEOPLE!
I VOTE FOR EQUALITY OF ALL NATIONALITIES!
I VOTE FOR A SOCIALIST FUTURE FOR ALL OUR PEOPLES!
THE DELEGATES TO THE CONGRESS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE
THE FIRST SOVIET CONSTITUTION

THE SOVIET STATE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CRUSH THE INTERNAL COUNTER-REVOLUTION COMPARATIVELY QUICKLY, IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION.


WE ARE YOUR ALLIES AND WILL DEFEND THE RUSSIAN PORTS, JUST IN CASE THE GERMANS ATTACK, GOD FORBID.
LOOK, THE JAPANESE, THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH. WHAT DO THEY WANT HERE?
I THINK THEY ARE ONLY DISGUISED AS ALLIES.

SOON THE ENTENTE BEGAN ITS ACTUAL INTERVENTION AGAINST SOVIET RUSSIA. ON **MARCH 9, 1918,** 200 BRITISH SOLDIERS LANDED AT MURMANSK. THE FIRST UNIT OF INTERVENTIONISTS WAS SOON JOINED BY LARGE CONTINGENTS OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN TROOPS.

FROM APRIL 5 TO JULY 6, ABOUT 75,000 JAPANESE AND 12,000 AMERICANS LANDED AT VLADIVOSTOK.

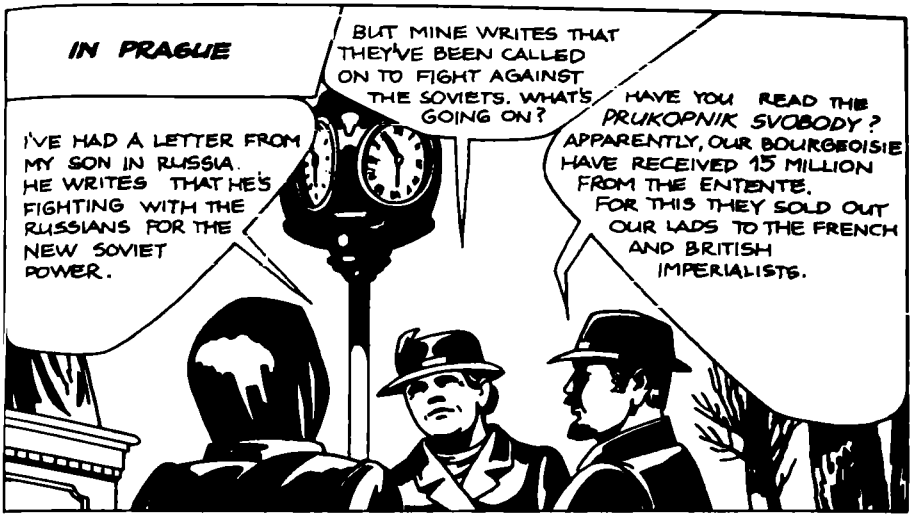
THERE ARE VIRTUALLY AS MANY JAPANESE IN VLADIVOSTOK AT THE MOMENT AS THERE ARE IN MY HOME TOWN.
AND ALMOST AS MANY AMERICANS AS IN MINE. SO WE'LL FEEL QUITE AT HOME...

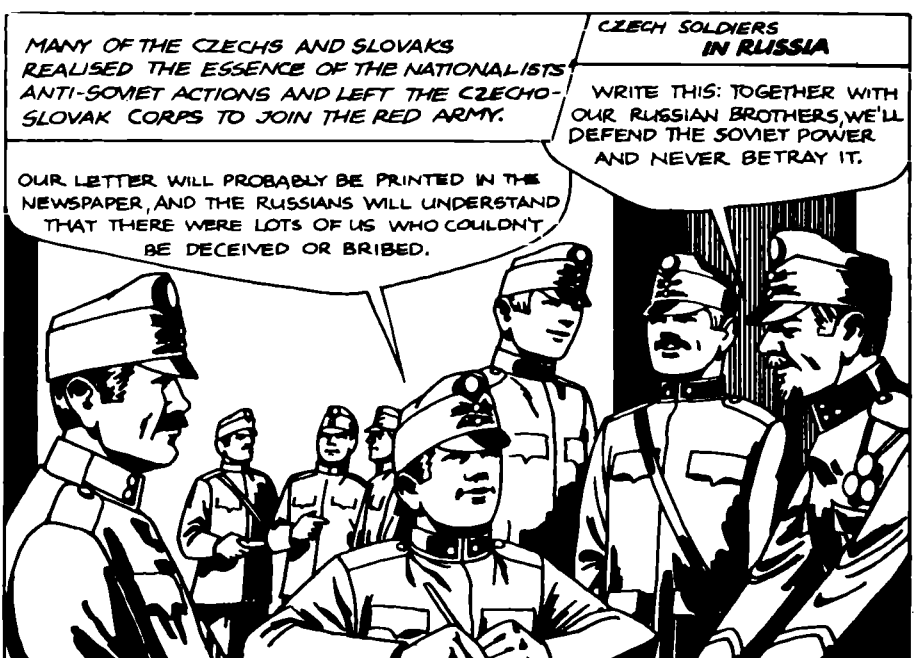
AN AMERICAN FAMILY
WELL, OUR POOR JOHNNY BOY IS CERTAINLY GETTING AROUND IN RUSSIA. IN JULY WITH THE JAPANESE IN VLADIVOSTOK; IN AUGUST WITH THE BRITISH IN ARCHANGEL...
YES, DEAR, IT SURE IS A BIG COUNTRY!

FROM MAY 25 TO 30, 1918, A NUMBER OF TOWNS IN EASTERN RUSSIA WERE TAKEN BY THE MUTINOUS CZECHOSLOVAK CORPS, WHICH CONSISTED OF 50,000 CZECH AND SLOVAK POWs. THEY WERE FORMED INTO A CORPS IN TSARIST RUSSIA TO TAKE PART IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR.
THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WANTED TO EVACUATE THEM TO THEIR HOMELAND VIA VLADIVOSTOK, SINCE THE WESTERN ROUTE WAS CUT OFF BY THE FRONT.

AN ILLEGAL MEETING
AT THE FRENCH MISSION **IN MOSCOW**

50,000 ARMED SOLDIERS IN THE BOLSHEVIKS' REAR! WE MUST MAKE USE OF THEM BEFORE THEY DECIDE TO GO OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE REVOLUTION. LET THEM STRIKE THE BOLSHEVIKS FROM THE EAST!
THE CZECH NATIONALISTS HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED MONEY FROM US TO ORGANISE A MUTINY. AND WE'LL RECOGNISE THEIR BOURGEOIS REPUBLIC.


IN PRAGUE
I'VE HAD A LETTER FROM MY SON IN RUSSIA. HE WRITES THAT HE'S FIGHTING WITH THE RUSSIANS FOR THE NEW SOVIET POWER.
BUT MINE WRITES THAT THEY'VE BEEN CALLED ON TO FIGHT AGAINST THE SOVIETS. WHAT'S GOING ON?
HAVE YOU READ THE PRUKOPNIK SVOBODY? APPARENTLY, OUR BOURGEOISIE HAVE RECEIVED 15 MILLION FROM THE ENTENTE. FOR THIS THEY SOLD OUT OUR LADS TO THE FRENCH AND BRITISH IMPERIALISTS.

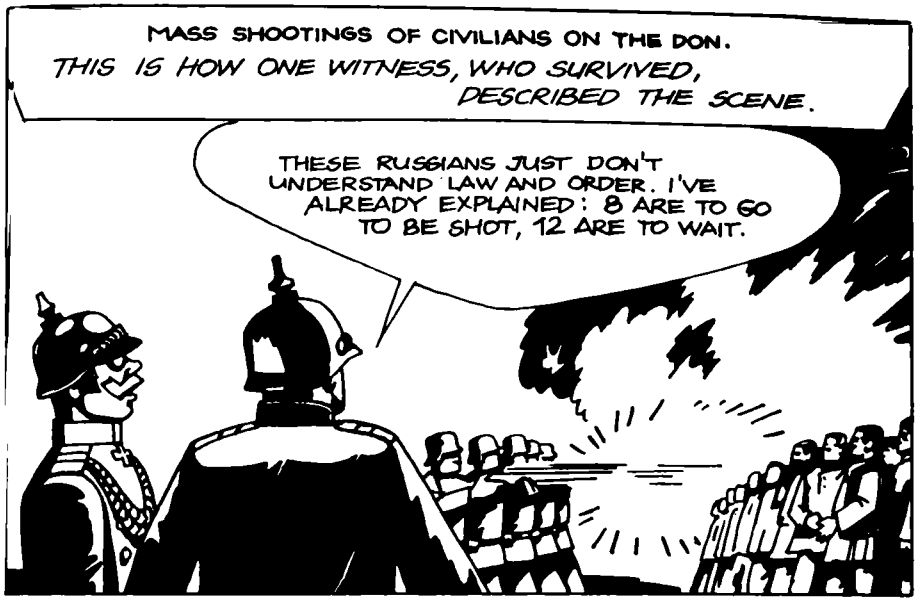

MANY OF THE CZECHS AND SLOVAKS REALISED THE ESSENCE OF THE NATIONALISTS' ANTI-SOVIET ACTIONS AND LEFT THE CZECHO-SLOVAK CORPS TO JOIN THE RED ARMY.
CZECH SOLDIERS IN RUSSIA
WRITE THIS: TOGETHER WITH OUR RUSSIAN BROTHERS, WE'LL DEFEND THE SOVIET POWER AND NEVER BETRAY IT.
OUR LETTER WILL PROBABLY BE PRINTED IN THE NEWSPAPER, AND THE RUSSIANS WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WERE LOTS OF US WHO COULDN'T BE DECEIVED OR BRIBED.

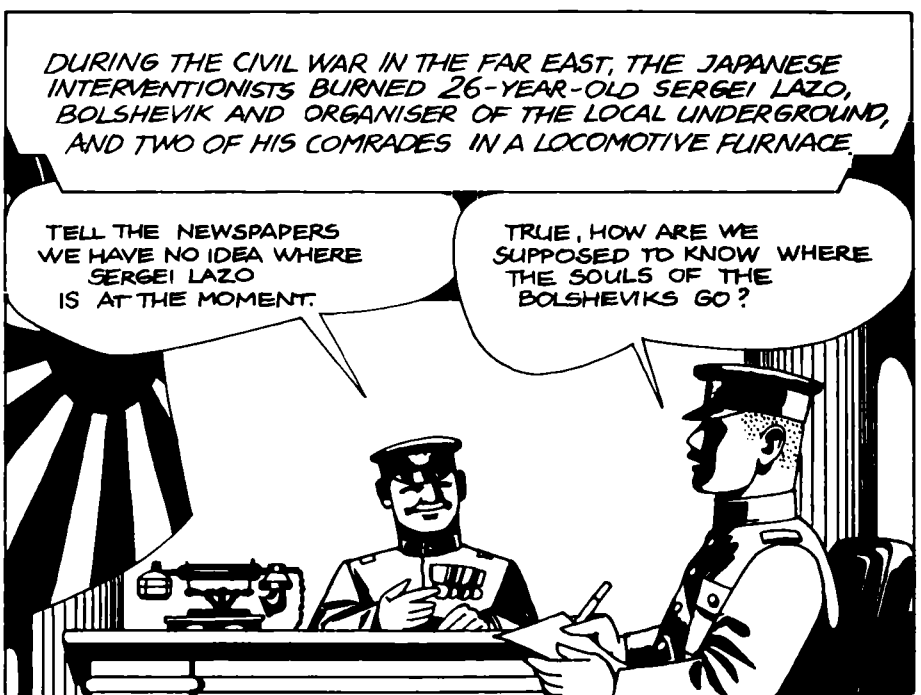
A LETTER FROM A GROUP OF CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO REFUSED TO TAKE PART IN THE MUTINY WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER URALSKY RABOCHY.

IN A RING OF FIRE
IN SUMMER 1918, THREE-QUARTERS OF THE TERRITORY OF SOVIET RUSSIA WAS IN ENEMY HANDS. THE REPUBLIC WAS ENCIRCLED BY FRONTS.
PETROGRAD
GERMANS LOYAL TO THE KAISER, PETLURA'S MEN
MOSCOW
BRITISH TANKS, WHITE COSSACKS, TURKS

BRITISH, AMERICANS AND WHITEGUARDS
150,000 INTERVENTIONISTS
WERE PUTTING DOWN THE REVOLUTION IN SIBERIA AND THE FAR EAST
JAPANESE, AMERICANS AND KOLCHAK'S MEN
BY MID-1918,
THE FOREIGN AND INTERNAL ANTI-SOVIET FORCES HAD UNITED FOR THE ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIET RUSSIA.
THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ENEMY REQUIRED A CONCENTRATION OF ALL EFFORTS.

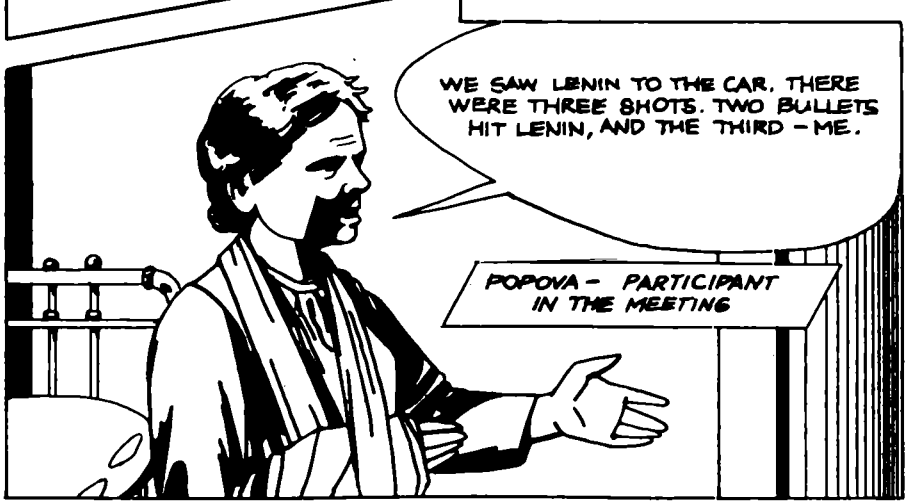
THE INTERVENTIONISTS INVADED THE TERRITORY OF SOVIET RUSSIA, BRINGING A REIGN OF
TERROR, VIOLENCE AND ARBITRARY POWER...
IN THE ARCHANGEL AREA ALONE, ONE INHABITANT IN FIVE WAS PUT INTO PRISON OR A CONCENTRATION CAMP.
HERE YOU CAN FEEL QUITE SAFE!


MASS SHOOTINGS OF CIVILIANS ON THE DON.
THIS IS HOW ONE WITNESS, WHO SURVIVED, DESCRIBED THE SCENE.
THESE RUSSIANS JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND LAW AND ORDER. I'VE ALREADY EXPLAINED: 8 ARE TO GO TO BE SHOT, 12 ARE TO WAIT.

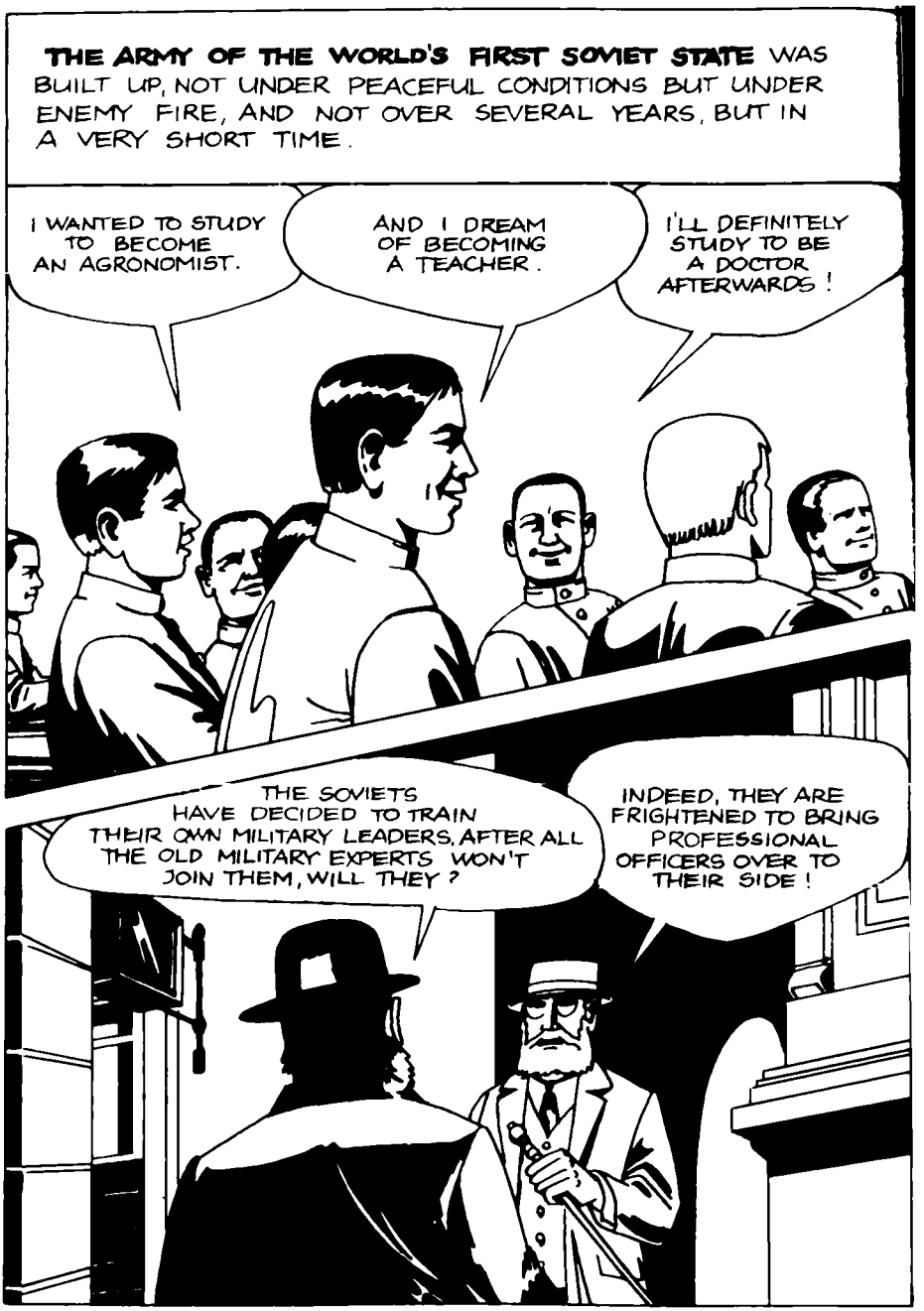

DURING THE CIVIL WAR IN THE FAR EAST, THE JAPANESE INTERVENTIONISTS BURNED 26-YEAR-OLD SERGEI LAZO, BOLSHEVIK AND ORGANISER OF THE LOCAL UNDERGROUND, AND TWO OF HIS COMRADES IN A LOCOMOTIVE FURNACE.
TELL THE NEWSPAPERS WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE SERGEI LAZO IS AT THE MOMENT.
TRUE, HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHERE THE SOULS OF THE BOLSHEVIKS GO?

AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON LENIN'S LIFE AT 7 P.M., AFTER A MEETING IN THE YARD OF THE MICHELSON WORKS. HE WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, BUT THE DOCTORS MANAGED TO SAVE HIS LIFE.

THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION NOT ONLY WAGED AN OPEN STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIET POWER ON THE FRONT, BUT ALSO ORGANISED ACTS OF TERRORISM DEEP IN THE REAR.



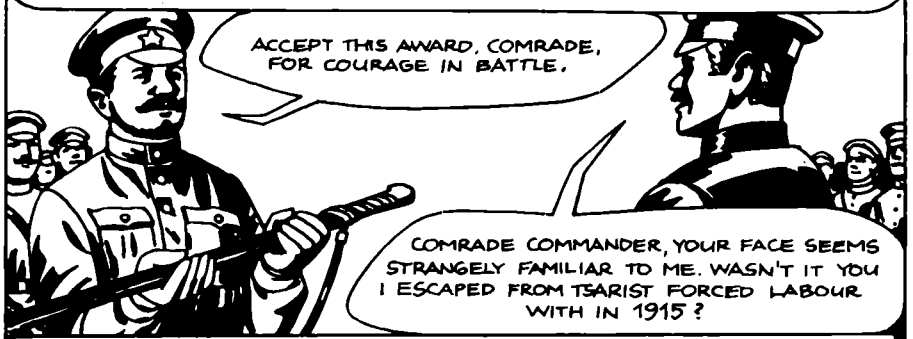
AND THEN, THREE STEPS AWAY FROM LENIN, I SAW A WOMAN WITH A REVOLVER. I RUSHED FOR HER, BUT SHE THREW THE REVOLVER DOWN AND HID IN THE CROWD...
GIL- LENIN'S CHAUFFEUR
WE CAUGHT UP WITH HER AND BROUGHT HER BACK TO THE WORKS. SHE IS BEING INVESTIGATED. WE CAN'T PERMIT MOB LAW.
BATULIN- PARTICIPANT IN THE MEETING
THEY ACTED SECRETLY, ON THE SLY...
AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON LENIN'S LIFE BY THE 28-YEAR -OLD TERRORIST FAINA KAPLAN. SHE STATED SHE HAD SHOT AT HIM FOR POLITICAL REASONS.
KAPLAN'S WAS NOT THE ONLY ATTEMPT ON LENIN'S LIFE
EXAMINING MAGISTRATE TELLS
THAT SAME DAY, IN PETROGRAD, A TERRORIST KILLED THE EMINENT SOVIET AND PARTY FIGURE URITSKY. BY MEANS OF TERRORISM, THE ENEMY TRIED TO LEAVE SOVIET POWER HEADLESS.


THE ARMY OF THE WORLD'S FIRST SOVIET STATE WAS BUILT UP, NOT UNDER PEACEFUL CONDITIONS BUT UNDER ENEMY FIRE, AND NOT OVER SEVERAL YEARS, BUT IN A VERY SHORT TIME.
I WANTED TO STUDY TO BECOME AN AGRONOMIST.
AND I DREAM OF BECOMING A TEACHER.
I'LL DEFINITELY STUDY TO BE A DOCTOR AFTERWARDS!
THE SOVIETS HAVE DECIDED TO TRAIN THEIR OWN MILITARY LEADERS. AFTER ALL THE OLD MILITARY EXPERTS WON'T JOIN THEM, WILL THEY?
INDEED, THEY ARE FRIGHTENED TO BRING PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS OVER TO THEIR SIDE!

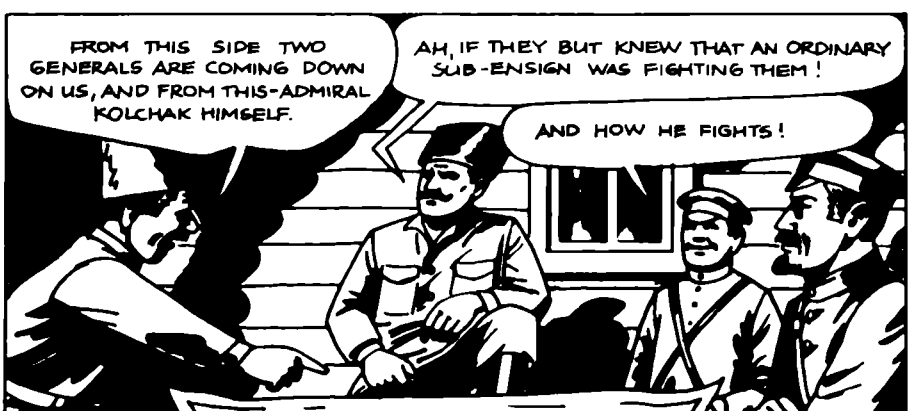
ALL YOUR DREAMS WILL CERTAINLY COME TRUE. BUT FOR THE TIME BEING WE MUST STUDY MILITARY MATTERS.
TO GUARANTEE THE FUTURE OF WHICH THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS DREAMED, A WELL-TRAINED ARMY WAS NEEDED. FOR THIS PURPOSE, ARMY SCHOOLS, COURSES AND ACADEMIES WERE SET UP.
THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WON OVER FORMER TSARIST MILITARY MEN TO ITS ARMY, TOO.
HOW CAN AN OFFICER WIN THE SOLDIERS' TRUST? BY BEING HONEST, KNOWING HIS BUSINESS, LOVING HIS MEN AND RESPECTING THEIR HUMAN DIGNITY.
ALL FORMER EXPERT OFFICERS ARE CALLED TO THE BANNER TO SET UP AN EFFICIENT RED ARMY!
I'M A MILITARY MAN BY CALLING; I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF OUTSIDE THE ARMY, AND I LOVE MY HOMELAND, BUT WILL THEY TRUST US?

A YEAR AFTER THE RED ARMY HAD BEEN FORMED, IT ALREADY INCLUDED ABOUT 35,000 PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS AND GENERALS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY FOUGHT IN THE TSARIST ARMY. MANY EMINENT SOVIET MILITARY LEADERS CAME FROM THEIR RANKS. UNDER THE HARSH CONDITIONS OF THE SUMMER AND AUTUMN OF 1918, THE YOUNG RED ARMY WON ITS FIRST VICTORIES.

THE TIMES WERE SUCH THAT YESTERDAY'S
WORKERS, PEASANTS AND PRIVATE SOLDIERS BECAME GENERALS.
THE NAMES OF MANY OF THEM BECAME LEGENDARY.


ACCEPT THIS AWARD, COMRADE, FOR COURAGE IN BATTLE.
COMRADE COMMANDER, YOUR FACE SEEMS STRANGELY FAMILIAR TO ME. WASN'T IT YOU I ESCAPED FROM TSARIST FORCED LABOUR WITH IN 1915?

EMINENT MILITARY LEADER, HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR, MIKHAIL FRUNZE WAS BORN INTO THE FAMILY OF AN ARMY DOCTOR'S ASSISTANT. A PROFESSIONAL REVOLUTIONARY. DURING THE CIVIL WAR COMMANDED THE ARMY AND THE FRONTS.


FROM THIS SIDE TWO GENERALS ARE COMING DOWN ON US, AND FROM THIS-ADMIRAL KOLCHAK HIMSELF.
AH, IF THEY BUT KNEW THAT AN ORDINARY SUB-ENSIGN WAS FIGHTING THEM!
AND HOW HE FIGHTS!

A TALENTED MILITARY LEADER, HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR, VASILY CHAPAYEV WAS BORN INTO A POOR PEASANT FAMILY, TOOK PART IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR, WAS AWARDED THREE ST. GEORGE CROSSES FOR COURAGE (THE HIGHEST MILITARY HONOUR IN TSARIST RUSSIA). DURING THE CIVIL WAR, THE DIVISION HE COMMANDED WON SEVERAL BRILLIANT VICTORIES OVER LEADING WHITE ARMY UNITS.

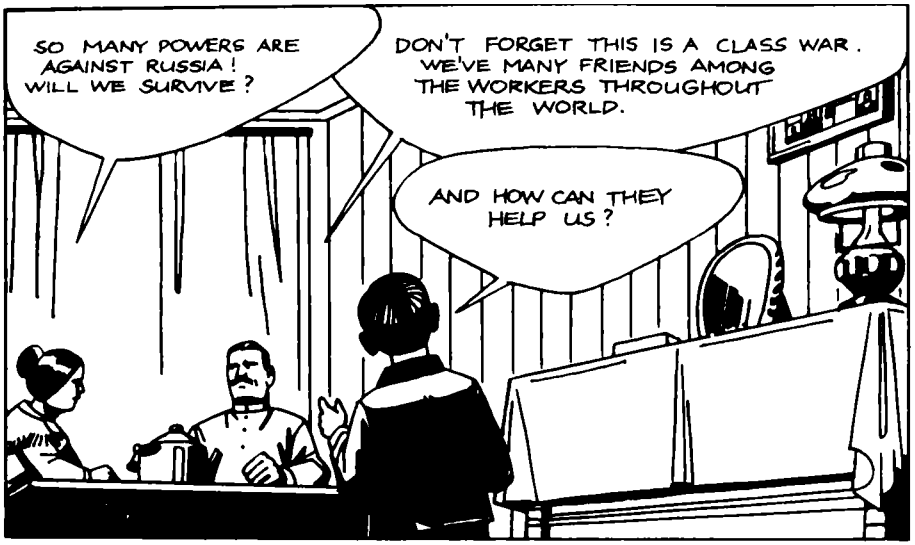
DON'T WORRY, COMRADE COMMANDER. I'LL WAIT FOR THE NURSE...
BUT THIS IS MY TRUE PROFESSION, AFTER ALL. I'M BETTER AT BANDAGING THAN ANY OF THE NURSES.

THE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED PARTISAN DETACHMENT IN 1918, HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR, NIKOLAI SHCHORS WAS BORN INTO THE FAMILY OF A RAILWAY-ENGINE DRIVER. DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR A FIELD DOCTOR'S ASSISTANT (LATER, A JUNIOR OFFICER). KILLED IN 1919 FIGHTING FOR SOVIET POWER, AT THE AGE OF 24.

I CAN SEE WHY YOU ARE IN THE RED ARMY. THE REVOLUTION TOOK NOTHING AWAY FROM YOU... BUT I, BY THE WAY, AM A NOBLE.
I, TOO, AM A RUSSIAN NOBLE. AND I AM SERVING MY HOMELAND.

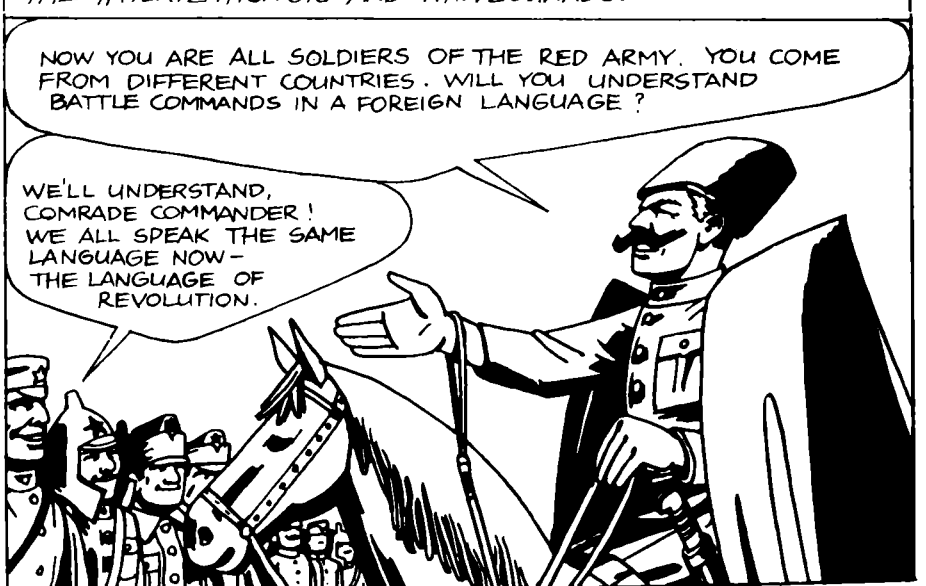
SOVIET MILITARY LEADER, HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR, MIKHAIL TUKHACHEVSKY, A NOBLE BY BIRTH. DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR AN OFFICER IN THE TSARIST ARMY. FROM 1918, IN THE RED ARMY.

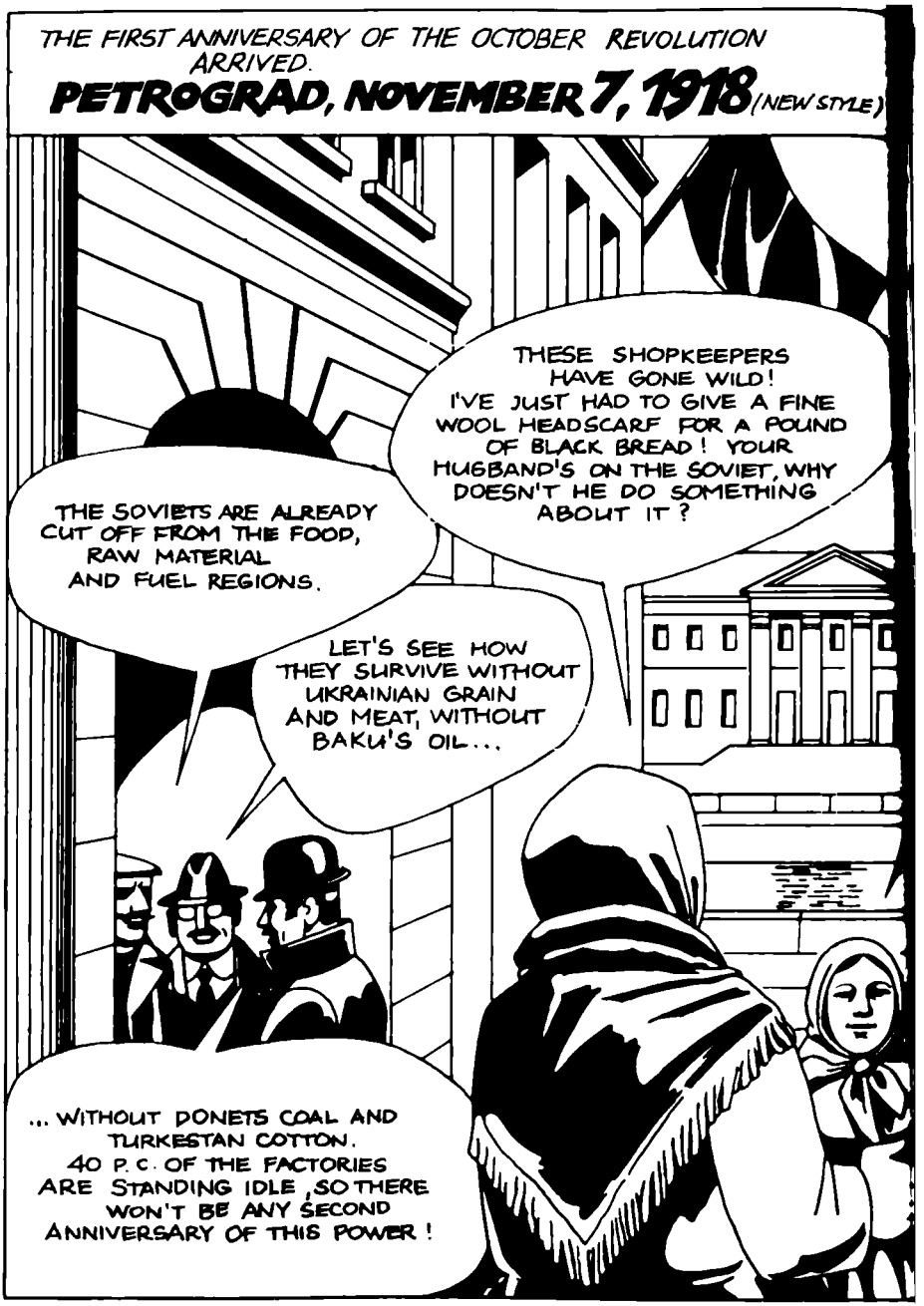
THE TIMES WERE SUCH THAT ALL TRUE PATRIOTS, REGARDLESS OF SOCIAL ORIGIN,
WENT TO DEFEND THE HOMELAND TOGETHER WITH THEIR PEOPLE.


SO MANY POWERS ARE AGAINST RUSSIA! WILL WE SURVIVE?
DON'T FORGET THIS IS A CLASS WAR. WE'VE MANY FRIENDS AMONG THE WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
AND HOW CAN THEY HELP US?

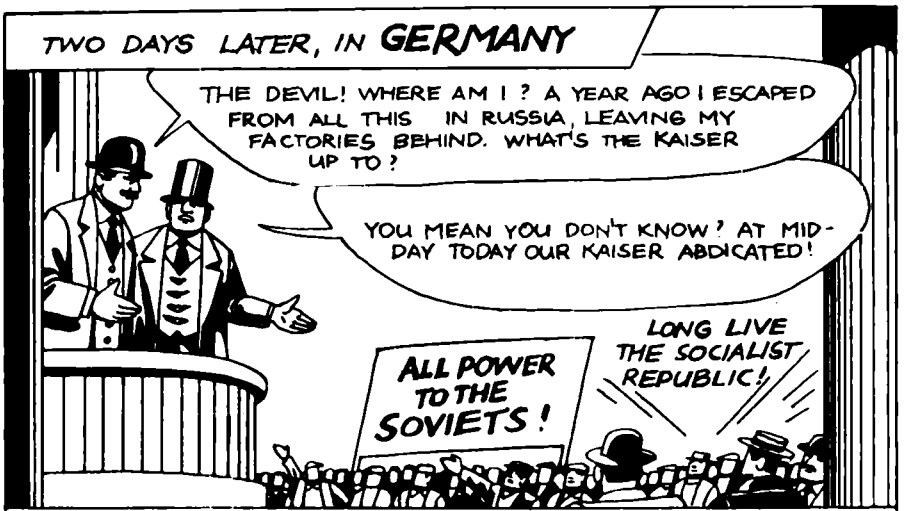
LONDON PORT. DOCKERS ON STRIKE
COMRADES, WE MUST HELP OUR RUSSIAN BROTHERS! WE'LL STAY ON STRIKE UNTIL THEY TAKE ALL THIS AWAY FROM HERE!
NOT A SINGLE WEAPON WILL LEAVE FOR RUSSIA FROM OUR PORT.

A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF SOLIDARITY WAS THE SETTING UP OF INTERNATIONAL DETACHMENTS THAT FOUGHT IN RUSSIA AGAINST THE INTERVENTIONISTS AND WHITEGUARDS.


NOW YOU ARE ALL SOLDIERS OF THE RED ARMY. YOU COME FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. WILL YOU UNDERSTAND BATTLE COMMANDS IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?
WE'LL UNDERSTAND, COMRADE COMMANDER! WE ALL SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE NOW – THE LANGUAGE OF REVOLUTION.


THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION ARRIVED.
PETROGRAD, NOVEMBER 7, 1918 (NEW STYLE)
THESE SHOPKEEPERS HAVE GONE WILD! I'VE JUST HAD TO GIVE A FINE WOOL HEADSCARF FOR A POUND OF BLACK BREAD! YOUR HUSBAND'S ON THE SOVIET, WHY DOESN'T HE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
THE SOVIETS ARE ALREADY CUT OFF FROM THE FOOD, RAW MATERIAL AND FUEL REGIONS.
LET'S SEE HOW THEY SURVIVE WITHOUT UKRAINIAN GRAIN AND MEAT, WITHOUT BAKU'S OIL...
... WITHOUT DONETS COAL AND TURKESTAN COTTON. 40 P.C. OF THE FACTORIES ARE STANDING IDLE, SO THERE WON'T BE ANY SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THIS POWER!

LONG LIVE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF OCTOBER!
MY HUSBAND SAYS THAT, IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, PRIVATE TRADE WILL BE ABOLISHED, AND FOOD WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FAIRLY AMONG THE WORKING PEOPLE.
I'VE JUST COME FROM THE NORTHERN FRONT. WE'VE MANAGED TO STOP THE INTERVENTIONISTS AND WHITEGUARDS FROM ADVANCING.
IN THE SOUTH WE'RE STILL HAVING TROUBLE. THE OFFENSIVE ON THE DON WAS REBUFFED, OUR 11TH ARMY WAS CRUSHED IN THE NORTH CAUCASUS.
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY AT TIMES LIKE THIS!
IN SPITE OF THE SERIOUS MILITARY SITUATION, THE RUIN, HUNGER AND ENEMY INTRIGUES,
SOVIET POWER SURVIVED AND CONTINUED TO FIGHT.


TWO DAYS LATER, IN GERMANY
THE DEVIL! WHERE AM I? A YEAR AGO I ESCAPED FROM ALL THIS IN RUSSIA, LEAVING MY FACTORIES BEHIND. WHAT'S THE KAISER UP TO?
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW? AT MIDDAY TODAY OUR KAISER ABDICATED!
ALL POWER TO THE SOVIETS!
LONG LIVE THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC!

IN NOVEMBER 1918, REVOLUTION SHOOK GERMANY. THE MONARCHY FELL. BUT THE REACTIONARIES WERE STRONG AND, IN MAY 1919, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WAS DROWNED IN BLOOD AND A BOURGEOIS REPUBLIC ESTABLISHED.

ON MARCH 21, 1919, IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF REVOLUTIONARY FERVOUR THAT ENVELOPED HUNGARY UNDER THE IMPACT OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA, THE HUNGARIAN SOVIET REPUBLIC WAS DECLARED.
IT LASTED UNTIL AUGUST 1, 1919.

FRANCE.
IN A RAILWAY-CARRIAGE IN THE FOREST OF COMPIÈGNE THE ENTENTE COUNTRIES AND GERMANY SIGNED AN ARMISTICE.
IN FACE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY DANGER, WE MUST FORGET THAT WE WERE ENEMIES IN THIS WAR. WE PROPOSE AN ARMISTICE TO YOU. GERMANY MUST WITHDRAW HER TROOPS FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN THE WEST. YOU NEED THEM MORE TO RESTORE ORDER AT HOME.
ON NO ACCOUNT WITHDRAW FROM RUSSIAN TERRITORY !
ON NOVEMBER 11, 1918
AN ARMISTICE WAS CONCLUDED BETWEEN GERMANY AND THE ENTENTE.
THE WORLD WAR WAS OVER

THE EVENTS OF THE AUTUMN OF 1918 CHANGED THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION CONSIDERABLY AND THIS NATURALLY AFFECTED THE POSITION OF SOVIET RUSSIA.

WITH THE DEFEAT OF GERMANY, THE PLUNDEROUS BREST TREATY WAS ANNULLED. SOVIET POWER WAS RESTORED ON TERRITORIES RECENTLY OCCUPIED BY GERMAN TROOPS.
SURELY NOW THAT REVOLUTION HAS BROKEN OUT IN GERMANY, TOO, THE GERMAN WORKERS WILL NOT RAISE ARMS AGAINST THEIR BROTHER ESTONIAN WORKERS?
THAT'S JUST WHAT OUR GENERALS WOULD WANT US TO DO, BUT THEY HAVEN'T A CHANCE!
WE PROCLAIM ESTONIA A SOVIET REPUBLIC!

AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1918, THE SOVIET REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA WAS FORMED, AND IN DECEMBER SOVIET POWER WAS DECLARED IN LATVIA AND LITHUANIA.

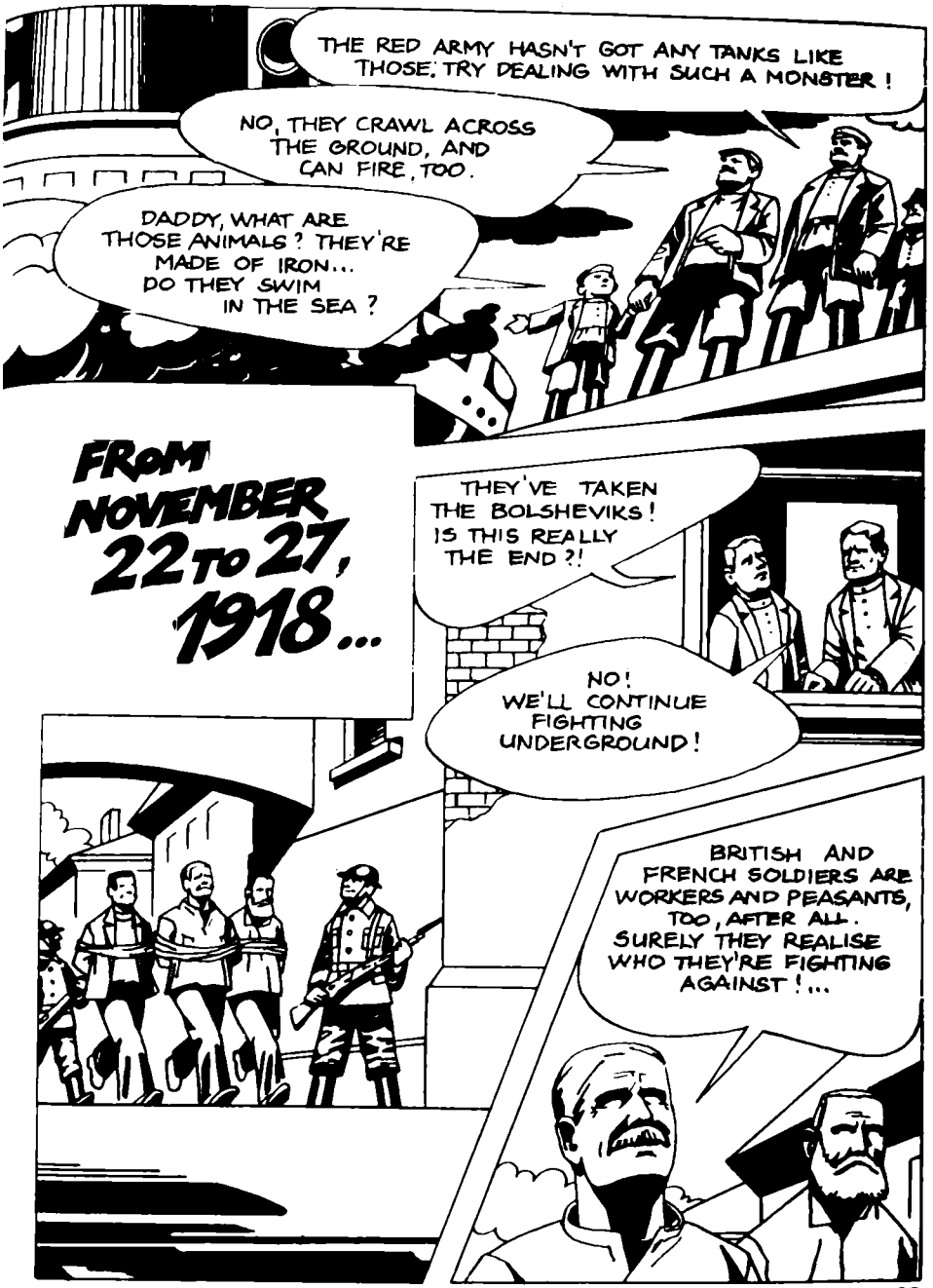
ON JANUARY 1, 1919 THE PROVISIONAL SOVIET GOVERNMENT OF BYELORUSSIA WAS FORMED.

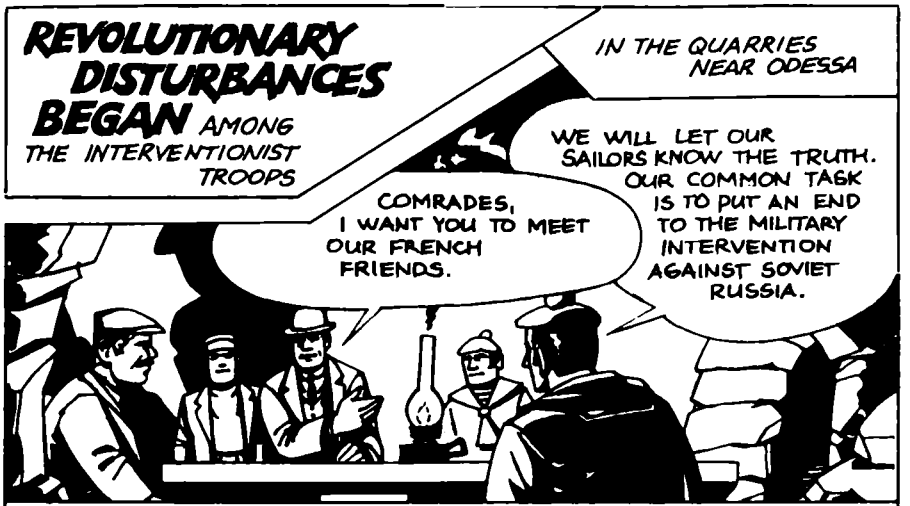
ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 15, 1918,

ANGLO-FRENCH WARSHIPS ENTERED THE BLACK SEA AND HEADED FOR THE SHORES OF RUSSIA.

THEY WERE FOLLOWED THROUGH THE DARDANELLES AND THE BOSPHORUS BY TRANSPORTS WITH TROOPS, ARMS AND AMMUNITION. THUS THE ENTENTE "REPLACED" GERMANY, WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED BY REVOLUTION, IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIET POWER.

THE BRITISH HAVE LANDED AT NOVOROSSIISK
THE ENTENTE DEFEATED GERMANY AND THIS FREED IT TO WAR AGAINST THE SOVIETS WITH LARGE FORCES.
FRENCH TROOPS OCCUPIED ODESSA AND SEVASTOPOL
WHAT THE DEVIL? I JUST DROPPED OFF FOR TEN MINUTES, AND I WAKE UP IN MARSEILLES.
DON'T WORRY, MONSIEUR, THIS ISN'T MARSEILLES. IT'S WE WHO ARE IN ODESSA.


THE RED ARMY HASN'T GOT ANY TANKS LIKE THOSE. TRY DEALING WITH SUCH A MONSTER!
NO, THEY CRAWL ACROSS THE GROUND, AND CAN FIRE, TOO.
DADDY, WHAT ARE THOSE ANIMALS? THEY'RE MADE OF IRON... DO THEY SWIM IN THE SEA?
FROM NOVEMBER 22 TO 27, 1918...
THEY'VE TAKEN THE BOLSHEVIKS! IS THIS REALLY THE END?!
NO! WE'LL CONTINUE FIGHTING UNDERGROUND!
BRITISH AND FRENCH SOLDIERS ARE WORKERS AND PEASANTS, TOO, AFTER ALL. SURELY THEY REALISE WHO THEY'RE FIGHTING AGAINST!...


REVOLUTIONARY DISTURBANCES BEGAN AMONG THE INTERVENTIONIST TROOPS
IN THE QUARRIES NEAR ODESSA
COMRADES, I WANT YOU TO MEET OUR FRENCH FRIENDS.
WE WILL LET OUR SAILORS KNOW THE TRUTH. OUR COMMON TASK IS TO PUT AN END TO THE MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST SOVIET RUSSIA.

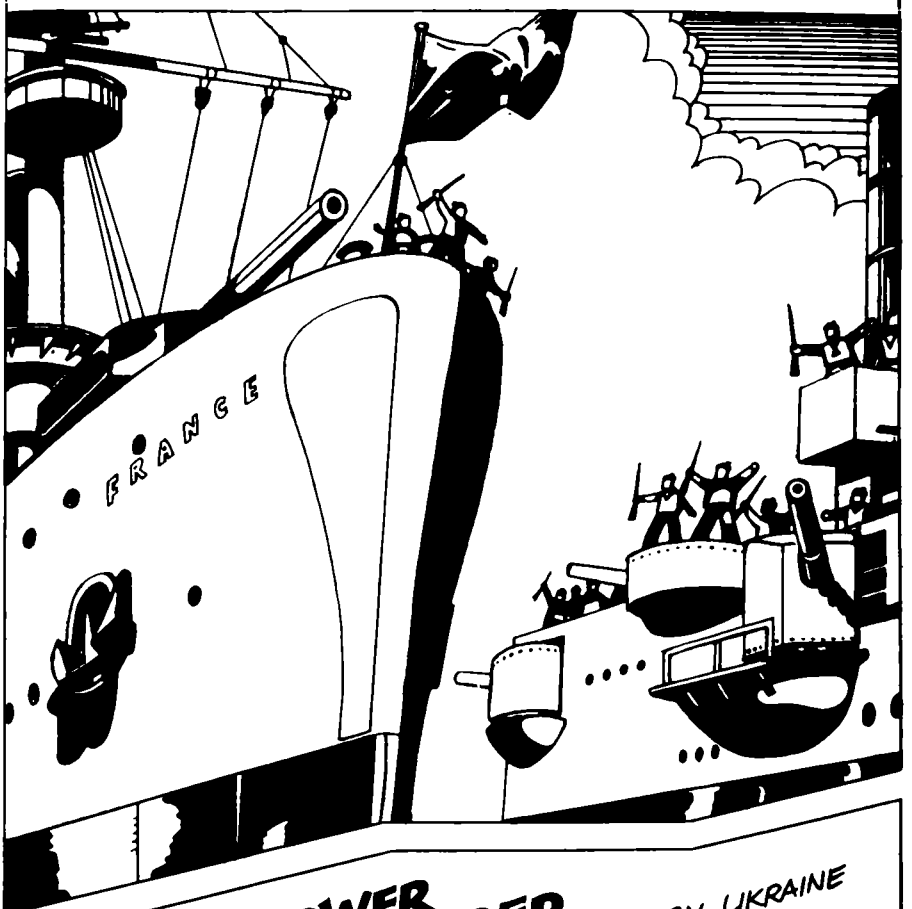
THE UNDERGROUND BOLSHEVIK COMMITTEE SET UP IN ODESSA A "FOREIGN COLLEGIUM" TO CARRY ON AGITATION WORK AMONG THE FRENCH AND OTHER SOLDIERS.

ODESSA. FRENCH COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE
YOU'LL BE SHOT TOGETHER WITH THE RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKS. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU, A FRENCHWOMAN, COULD VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE SUCH A FATE.

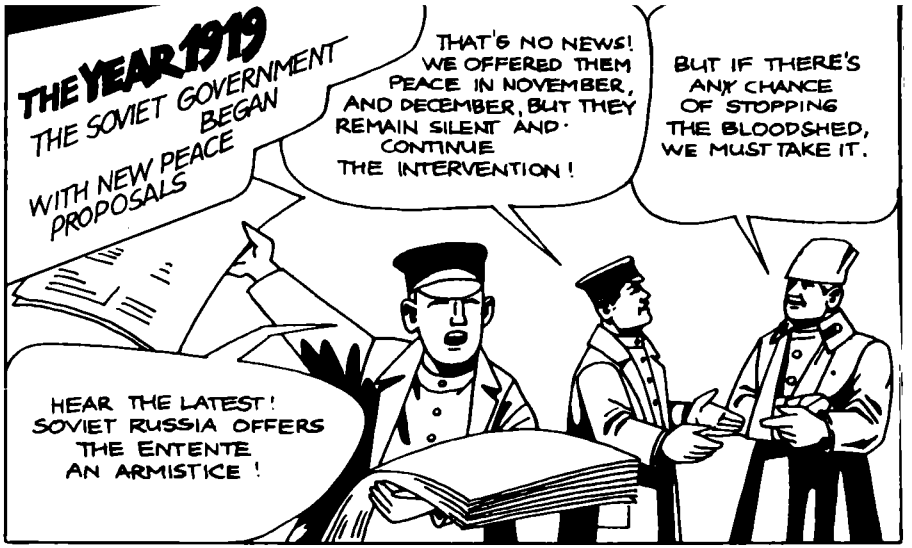
MANY UNDERGROUND COMMUNISTS, INCLUDING THE FRENCHWOMAN JEANNE LABOURBE, ORGANISER AND SECRETARY OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST GROUP IN MOSCOW, AN ORGANISER OF THE "FOREIGN COLLEGIUM" IN ODESSA, WERE SEIZED BY THE INTERVENTIONISTS, TORTURED AND SHOT.

THE ATTEMPTS TO SUPPRESS THE UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT WERE IN VAIN. A MUTINY BROKE OUT AMONG THE SAILORS OF THE FRENCH SQUADRON.

THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT ALARMED THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SO MUCH THAT IT HAD TO RECALL ITS TROOPS FROM RUSSIA. SOON AFTERWARDS, THE BRITISH TROOPS WITHDREW FROM THE REGIONS OF THE CASPIAN.



SOVIET POWER WAS RESTORED IN THE SOUTHERN UKRAINE AND THE CRIMEA.


THE YEAR 1919
THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT BEGAN WITH NEW PEACE PROPOSALS
THAT'S NO NEWS! WE OFFERED THEM PEACE IN NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER, BUT THEY REMAIN SILENT AND CONTINUE THE INTERVENTION!
BUT IF THERE'S ANY CHANCE OF STOPPING THE BLOODSHED, WE MUST TAKE IT.
HEAR THE LATEST! SOVIET RUSSIA OFFERS THE ENTENTE AN ARMISTICE!

LONDON
CALM DOWN, GENTLEMEN! WE HAVE JUST INVITED THE BOLSHEVIKS TO ATTEND A PEACE CONFERENCE. YOU'LL SEE, THEY'LL REFUSE!
END THE SHAMEFUL WAR AGAINST SOVIET RUSSIA!

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES, IN AN ATTEMPT TO PUT THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT OFF ITS GUARD AND TO PRETEND TO BE ON THE SIDE OF PEACE, MOVED A PLAN FOR A CONFERENCE TO BE CONVENED IN FEBRUARY 1919 ON THE PRINCES' IGLANDS AND ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS OPERATING IN RUSSIA.

CUNNING! THEY OFFER THE SOVIETS PEACE WHEN THE RED ARMY IS ADVANCING ON ALL FRONTS!
THE SOVIETS WON'T GO TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND EVERYONE WILL SEE THEY DON'T WANT AN ARMISTICE.

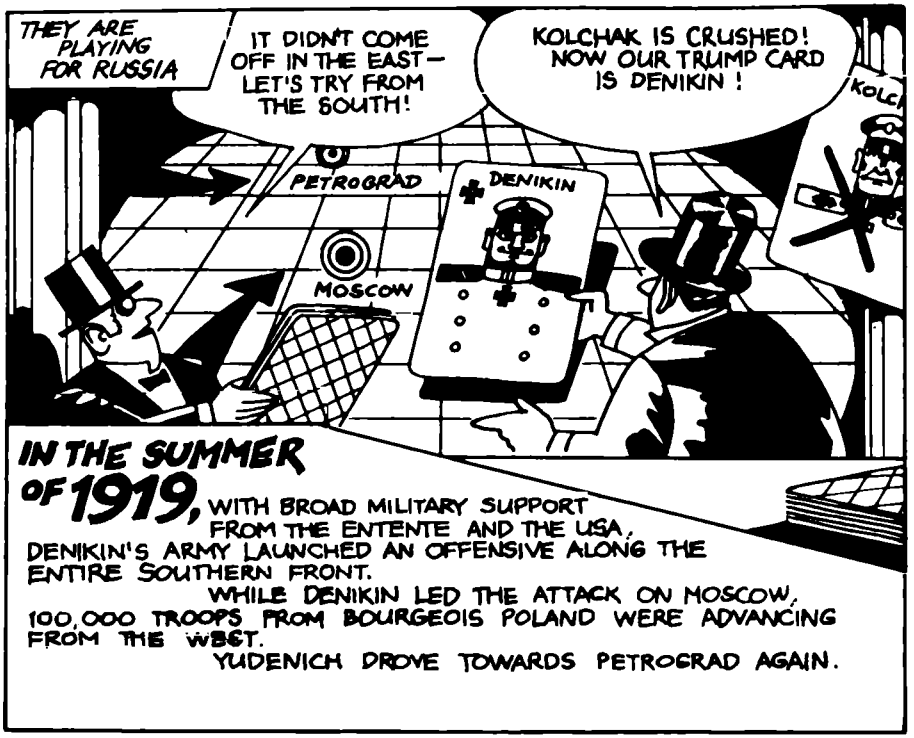
EVEN SO, THE IMPERIALISTS' PLANS FELL THROUGH. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AGREED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE PRINCES' ISLANDS.

THE ENTENTE REPRESENTATIVES IN CONFERENCE.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, GENTLEMEN? THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE AGREED TO NEGOTIATE AND, WHAT'S MORE, ARE WILLING TO MAKE CERTAIN CONCESSIONS.
NO PEACE! NO CONFERENCE! LET OUR CANNON SPEAK TO THE SOVIETS!

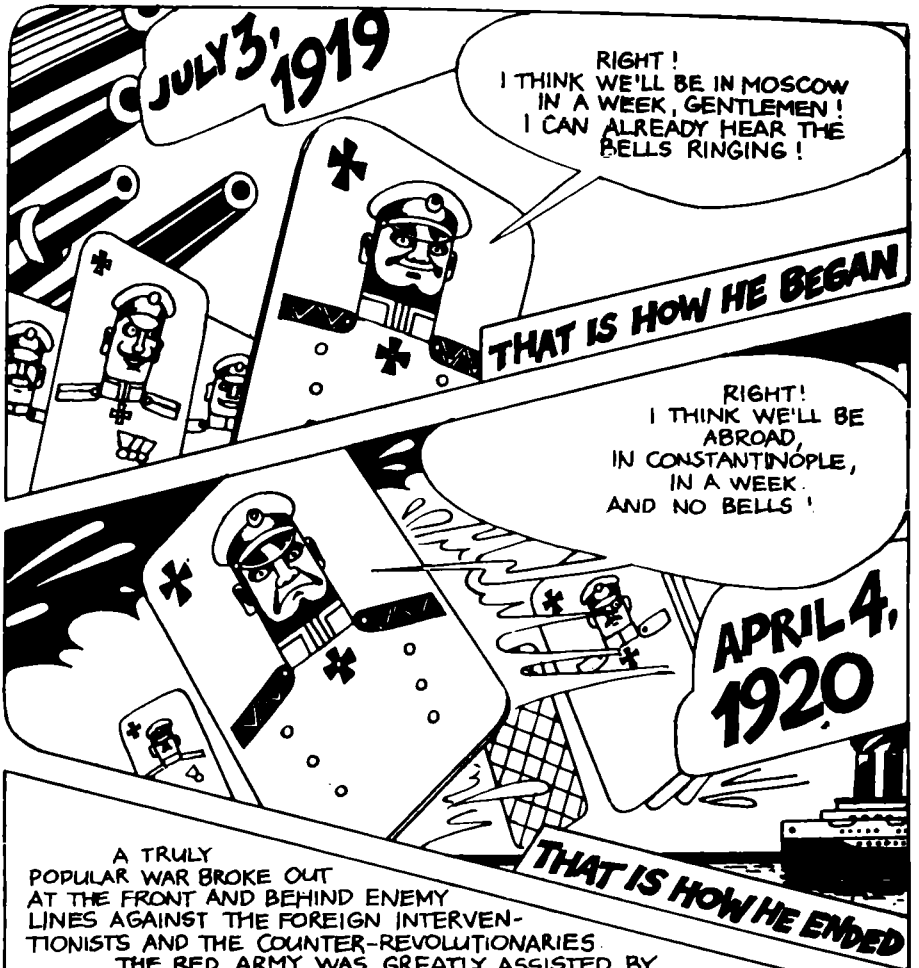
IN SPRING 1919, THE ENTENTE LAUNCHED A NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE YOUNG SOVIET STATE. THAT IS HOW INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM REPLIED TO THE PEACE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA.

WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO? I'M GOING NORTH! THE ENGLISH AND THE AMERICANS ARE ATTACKING UP THERE.
I'M OFF SOUTH, TO FIGHT AGAINST DENIKIN!
IN SPRING 1919, THE ENTENTE UNITED THE FORCES OF INTERNAL COUNTER-REVOLUTION AND THE INTERVENTIONISTS. SOVIET RUSSIA WAS FIGHTING ON SEVERAL FRONTS AT ONCE.
GENERAL DENIKIN, ENGLISH GENERALS, ADMIRAL KOLCHAK
I'M OFFENDED, ENGLISH GENTLEMEN. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO DECLARE KOLCHAK SUPREME RULER OF RUSSIA?
WHY ARGUE? WE'LL JOIN UP ON THE VOLGA AND THEN SORT THINGS OUT.
THE ENTENTE HELPED ADMIRAL KOLCHAK CREATE A WELL-EQUIPPED 400,000-STRONG ARMY IN THE EAST OF THE COUNTRY. IT POSED A MAJOR THREAT TO THE SOVIET STATE.

I'M GOING EAST, TO LIBERATE THE URALS FROM KOLCHAK!
AND ME, I'M GOING TO THE WEST. GERMANS, WHITE-GUARDS AND BRITISH WARSHIPS ARE ALL CONVERGING ON THE BALTIC STATES!
IN MAY 1919, WHEN KOLCHAK'S TROOPS WERE ROUTED BY THE RED ARMY IN THE EAST, YUDENICH'S ARMY LAUNCHED AN OFFENSIVE ON PETROGRAD. IT WAS HALTED BY THE RED ARMY AND THE ENEMY WAS REPULSED FROM THE CITY.
IN SUMMER 1919, A MIGHTY FORCE FORMED IN KOLCHAK'S REAR— THE PEASANT PARTISAN MOVEMENT IN SIBERIA AND THE FAR EAST.
THAT'S WHERE WE'LL MEET HIM!
AH, THE RED ARMY GAVE KOLCHAK A GOOD ONE IN THE URALS. AND NOW IT'S DRIVING EAST!
KOLCHAK'S ARMY WAS CRUSHED BY THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE RED ARMY AND THE PARTISANS. DECISIVE VICTORIES WERE WON OVER THE INTERVENTIONISTS IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY.


THEY ARE PLAYING FOR RUSSIA
IT DIDN'T COME OFF IN THE EAST— LET'S TRY FROM THE SOUTH!
KOLCHAK IS CRUSHED! NOW OUR TRUMP CARD IS DENIKIN!
PETROGRAD
MOSCOW
DENIKIN
IN THE SUMMER OF 1919, WITH BROAD MILITARY SUPPORT FROM THE ENTENTE AND THE USA, DENIKIN'S ARMY LAUNCHED AN OFFENSIVE ALONG THE ENTIRE SOUTHERN FRONT.
WHILE DENIKIN LED THE ATTACK ON MOSCOW, 100,000 TROOPS FROM BOURGEOIS POLAND WERE ADVANCING FROM THE WEST.
YUDENICH DROVE TOWARDS PETROGRAD AGAIN.

A MUNITIONS FACTORY IN ENGLAND
THE SOVIET TRADES UNIONS ASKED US FOR HELP IN STOPPING THE INTERVENTION.
OUR WEAPON IS TO STRIKE! THE TANKS WILL NEVER GET TO RUSSIA!


JULY 3, 1919
RIGHT! I THINK WE'LL BE IN MOSCOW IN A WEEK, GENTLEMEN! I CAN ALREADY HEAR THE BELLS RINGING!
THAT IS HOW HE BEGAN
RIGHT! I THINK WE'LL BE ABROAD, IN CONSTANTINOPLE, IN A WEEK. AND NO BELLS!
APRIL 4, 1920
THAT IS HOW HE ENDED

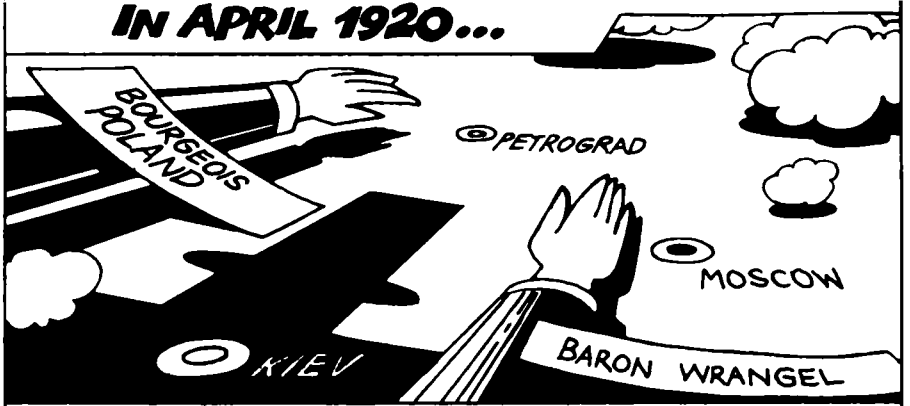
A TRULY POPULAR WAR BROKE OUT AT THE FRONT AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES AGAINST THE FOREIGN INTERVENTIONISTS AND THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES. THE RED ARMY WAS GREATLY ASSISTED BY UNDERGROUND ORGANISATIONS AND PARTISAN GROUPS.

THE WORKING CLASS OF BRITAIN, FRANCE, NORWAY AND OTHER COUNTRIES RESPONDED WARMLY TO THEIR RUSSIAN CLASS BROTHERS' CALL TO HALT THE INTERVENTION.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE ENTENTE COUNTRIES WERE COMPELLED, EARLY IN 1920, TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM THE SOVIET COUNTRY.

AND YET THE IMPERIALISTS STILL HOPED TO CRUSH SOVIET RUSSIA BY MILITARY MIGHT.

IN APRIL 1920...



AS LENIN GRAPHICALLY PUT IT, BOURGEOIS LANDLORD POLAND AND BARON WRANGEL WERE THE TWO HANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM.

THE POLISH ARMY INVADED THE TERRITORY OF THE SOVIET UKRAINE AND OCCUPIED KIEV.

OFF TO THE FRONT AGAIN! YOU WENT AGAINST KOLCHAK, THEN DENIKIN, AND NOW THE POLES...
NOT AGAINST THE POLES, JUST THE POLISH UPPER CLASSES.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY DECLARED AT THIS TIME:

"THE DEFEAT OF THE POLISH WHITE GUARD THAT HAS ATTACKED US WILL NOT CHANGE ONE IOTA OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS POLAND'S INDEPENDENCE."

THE RED ARMY CROSSED SIVASH AT NIGHT, AT LOW TIDE, THEREBY REACHING THE ENEMY'S REAR.

IMPREGNABLE FORTIFICATIONS OF THE ENEMY WERE TAKEN.

THE ARMY OF BARON WRANGEL WAS ROUTED.

THE VICTORY OVER WRANGEL AND BOURGEOIS POLAND MEANT THE TOTAL COLLAPSE OF THE ENTENTE'S ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY SOVIET POWER IN RUSSIA

BY 1921, THE CIVIL WAR WAS VIRTUALLY OVER.

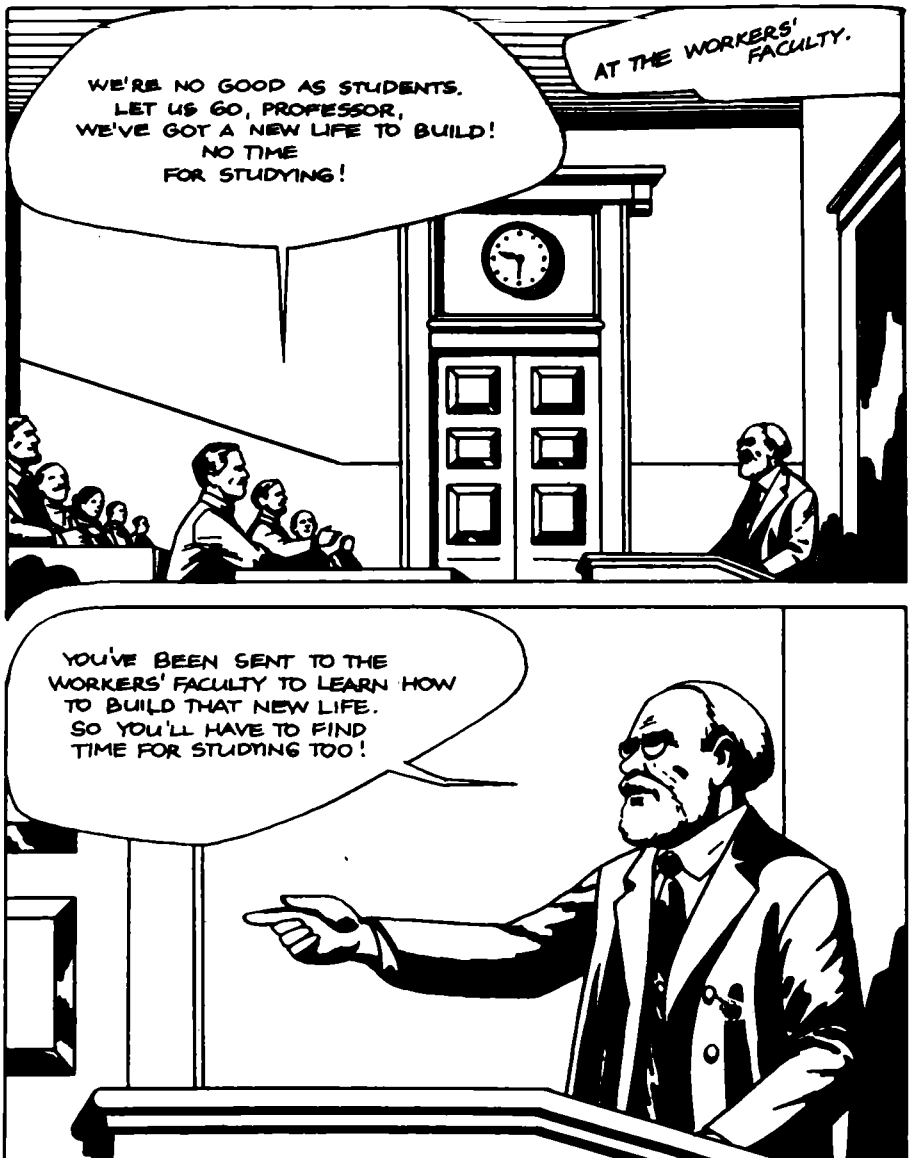
THE IMPERIALISTS HAD THE MONEY, WEAPONS, AND ARMIES, BUT THEY STILL COULDN'T WIN.
NEITHER TANKS NOR AIRCRAFT COULD DO IT. IT'S JUST A MIRACLE!
YOU KNOW WHAT LENIN WROTE ABOUT THAT MIRACLE: "A NATION IN WHICH THE MAJORITY OF THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS... SEE THAT THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR... THE RULE OF THE WORKING PEOPLE, FOR THE CAUSE WHOSE VICTORY WILL ENSURE THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN ALL THE BENEFITS OF CULTURE, OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN CREATED BY HUMAN LABOUR — SUCH A NATION CAN NEVER BE VANQUISHED."
THEY SAY THERE'S NO BREAD IN THE TOWN — PEOPLE ARE SWELLING UP FROM HUNGER!
AND WHERE ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET IT FROM? THERE'S NOTHING TO SOW, NO HORSES, AND YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN LEFT IN THE WHOLE VILLAGE...

THE RUSSIAN COUNTRYSIDE HAD LOST MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF MEN BY THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR.

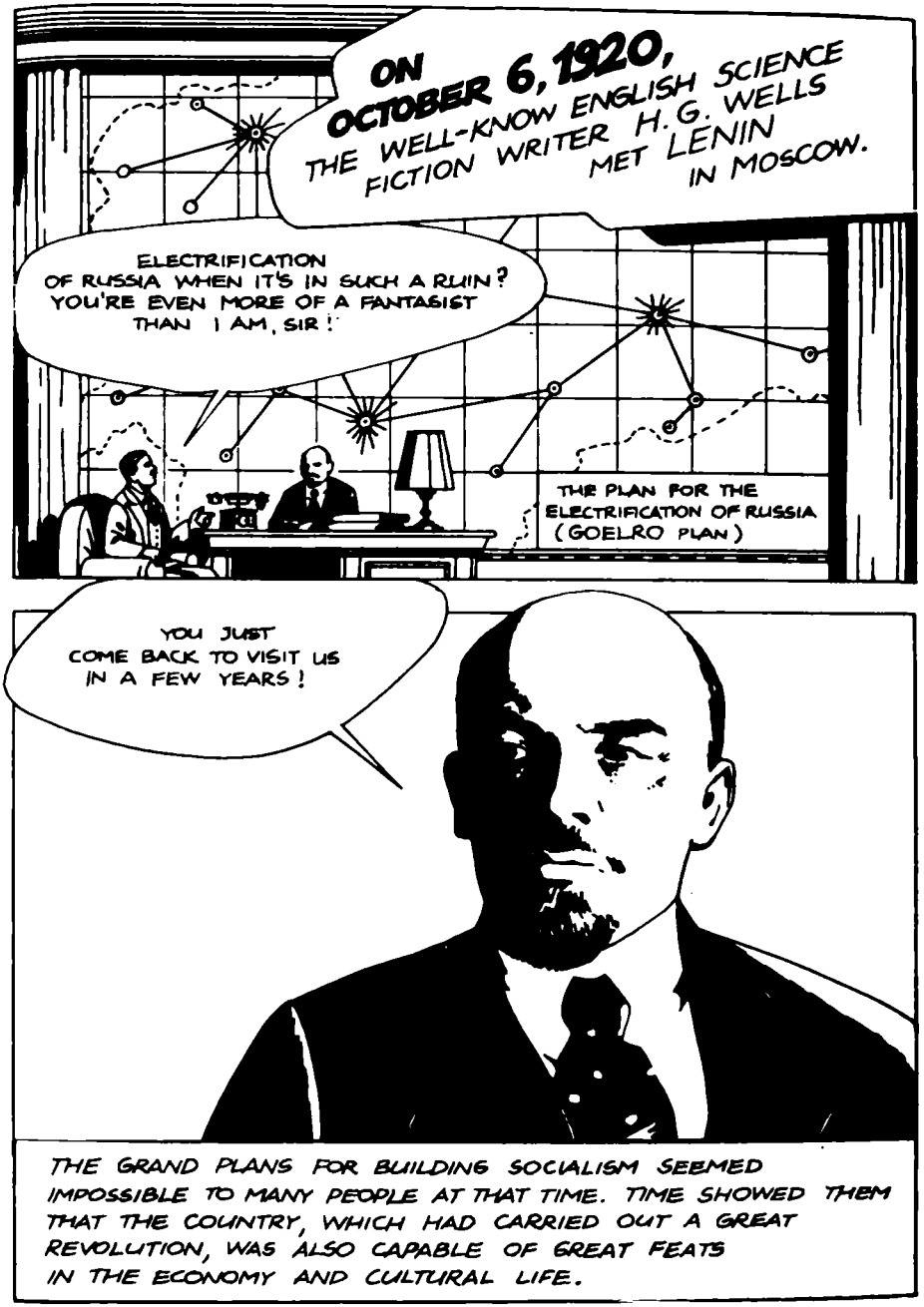
THE VOLUME OF OUTPUT OF LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRY IN 1920 WAS 13.8 PER CENT OF THAT OF 1913. DURING THE WAR, RUSSIA LOST A THIRD OF HER TOTAL PREWAR GOLD RESERVES.

UNTIL WE PROVIDE THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH GOODS AND MACHINES, IT WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE US ANY BREAD!
IT'S DIFFICULT TO MAKE A START, BUT WE'VE GOT TO START SOMEWHERE.

THE BUILDING OF SOCIALISM IN THE COUNTRY BEGAN UNDER THE MOST DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, WITH THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE JAPANESE OCCUPYING FORCES STILL BEING WAGED IN THE FAR EAST AND MUTINIES OF REMAINING WHITEGUARDS AND LOCAL NATIONALISTS BREAKING OUT ALL OVER THE PLACE IN CENTRAL ASIA AND THE TRANSCAUCASUS. THE 7 YEARS OF IMPERIALIST AND CIVIL WARS HAD BROUGHT TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC DESTRUCTION.


WE'RE NO GOOD AS STUDENTS. LET US GO, PROFESSOR, WE'VE GOT A NEW LIFE TO BUILD! NO TIME FOR STUDYING!
AT THE WORKERS' FACULTY.
YOU'VE BEEN SENT TO THE WORKERS' FACULTY TO LEARN HOW TO BUILD THAT NEW LIFE. SO YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND TIME FOR STUDYING TOO!

IN 1921 THERE WERE ALREADY **244** HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE COUNTRY, AGAINST *91* IN *1915*, AND **13,000** NEW SCHOOLS HAD BEEN OPENED. LOCAL LANGUAGES BEGAN TO BE USED IN SCHOOLS, WHERE PUPILS STUDIED FREE OF CHARGE.


ON OCTOBER 6, 1920, THE WELL-KNOW ENGLISH SCIENCE FICTION WRITER H.G. WELLS MET LENIN IN MOSCOW.
ELECTRIFICATION OF RUSSIA WHEN IT'S IN SUCH A RUIN? YOU'RE EVEN MORE OF A FANTASIST THAN I AM, SIR!
THE PLAN FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION OF RUSSIA (GOELRO PLAN)
YOU JUST COME BACK TO VISIT US IN A FEW YEARS!

THE GRAND PLANS FOR BUILDING SOCIALISM SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE TO MANY PEOPLE AT THAT TIME. TIME SHOWED THEM THAT THE COUNTRY, WHICH HAD CARRIED OUT A GREAT REVOLUTION, WAS ALSO CAPABLE OF GREAT FEATS IN THE ECONOMY AND CULTURAL LIFE.

WE SAY GOODBYE NOW TO MOSCOW IN 1922, THE YEAR WHEN...
...THE LAST SPOTS OF CIVIL WAR WERE WIPED OUT.
THE REVOLUTION HAD DEFENDED ITSELF...
AH, NOW LIFE REALLY BEGINS. IF ONLY WE COULD LOOK AHEAD TO, SAY, 1985... WHAT WILL THEY BE LIKE, THE PEOPLE OF THE SOCIALIST FUTURE?!
AND TODAY IS ALSO SPECIAL- -A BIRTHDAY
HERE THEY ARE- - OUR CHILDREN - THEY ARE THE PEOPLE OF THAT FUTURE!
HURRAH! TOMORROW IS NEW YEAR!
THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR STATE.

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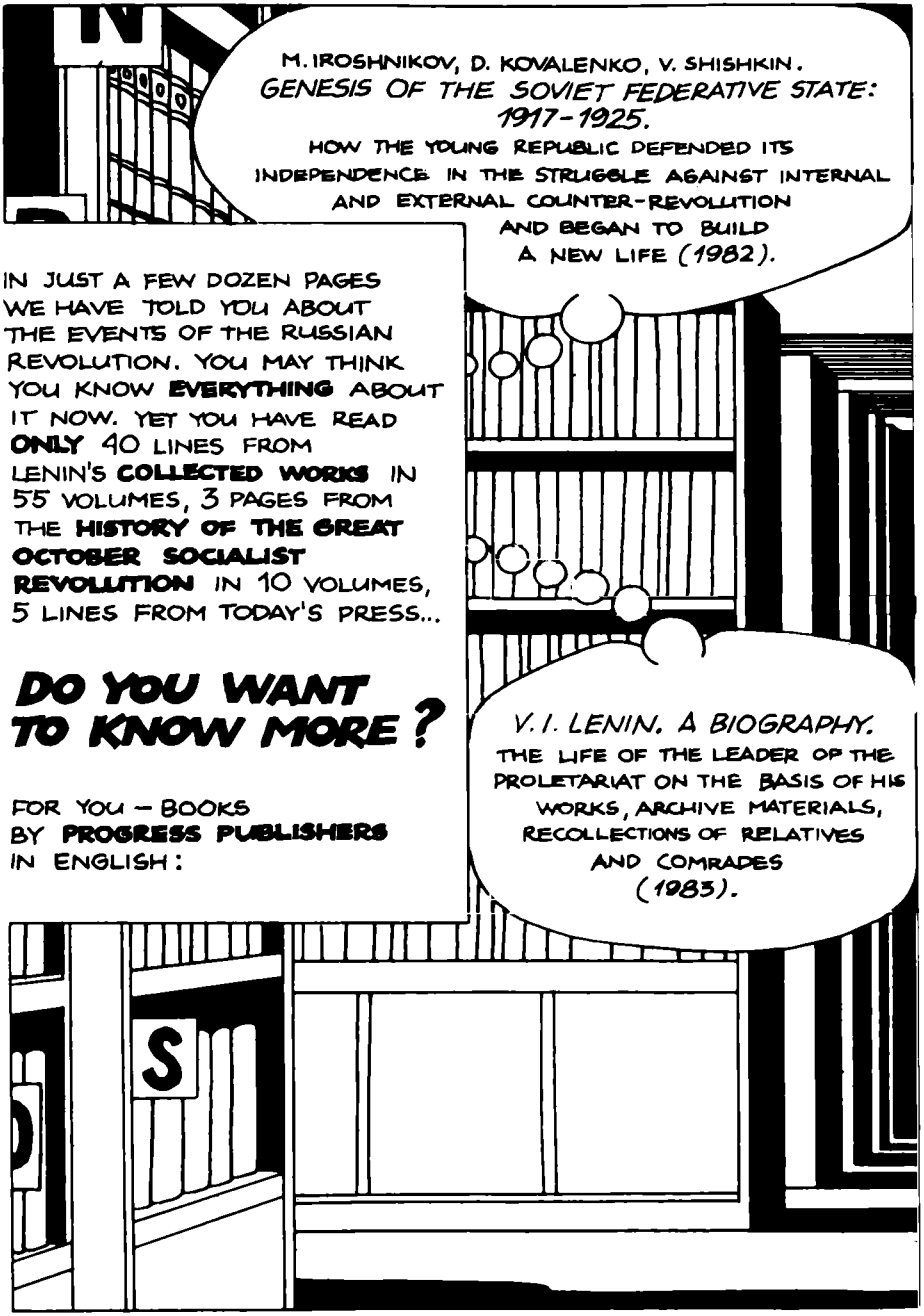
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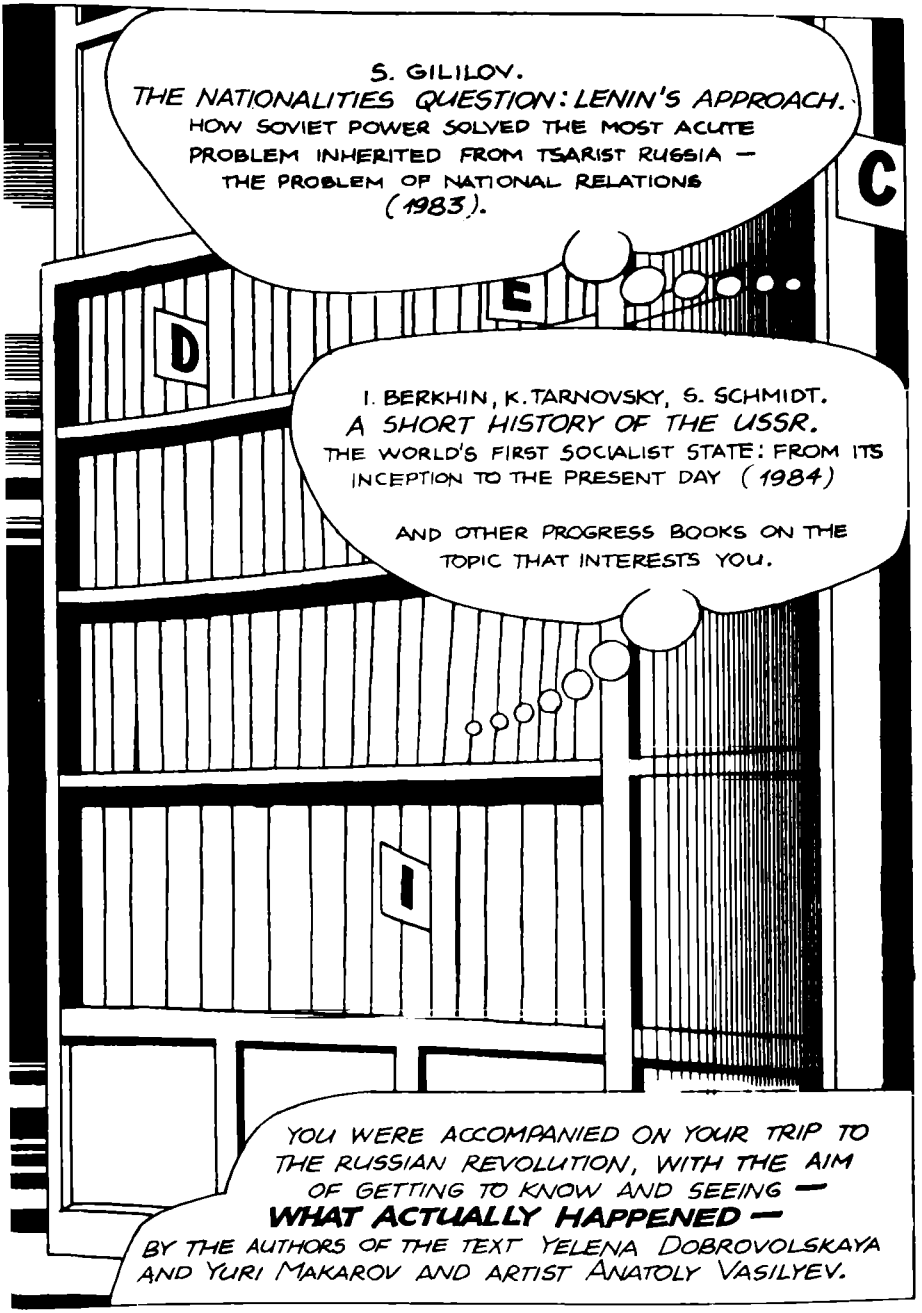
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